

EXERCISE 23-1 Pronoun reference

Edit the following sentences to correct errors in pronoun reference. In some cases you will need to decide on an antecedent that the pronoun might logically refer to. Example:

Following the breakup of AT&T, many other companies began to offer long-distance phone service.

The competition

~~This~~ has led to lower long-distance rates.

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- a. They say that the *Challenger* disaster set the space program back five years.
 - b. She had decorated her living room with posters from chamber music festivals. This led her date to believe that she was interested in classical music, but actually she preferred rock.
 - c. In Ethiopia, you don't need much property to be considered well-off.
 - d. Marianne told Jenny that she was worried about her mother's illness.
 - e. Though Lewis cried for several minutes after scraping his knee, eventually it subsided.
1. Our German conversation group is made up of six people, three of which I had never met before.
 2. Many people believe that the polygraph test is highly reliable if you employ a licensed examiner.
 3. France receives nearly 80 percent of its electrical needs from nuclear power. They have not had a serious mishap to date, but will their luck continue?
 4. Because of Paul Robeson's outspoken attitude toward fascism, he was labeled a Communist.
 5. In the report it points out that lifting the ban on Compound 1080 would prove detrimental, possibly even fatal, to the bald eagle.