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Lesson 7.6 Clear Pronoun Reference

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EXERCISE 1 Rewriting Sentences

If the underlined pronoun has a clear antecedent, write *Correct*. If the pronoun reference is unclear, rewrite the sentence to correct the problem.

Hint

One way of fixing a pronoun reference problem is to replace the unclear pronoun with a noun.

1. Tiffany hadn't seen Rachel since she was ten years old.

2. The girls had been best friends, but it ended when Tiffany moved.

3. When Rachel set her backpack on the table, it broke.

4. Tiffany was a friendly person, and this was evident in her big smile.

5. When Tiffany's parents noticed Rachel, they ran to give her a hug.

EXERCISE 2 Recognizing Pronoun Reference Problems

Proofread the paragraph below for unclear pronoun reference. Circle the three pronouns that do not have a clear antecedent.

¹Recent studies show that about one in three people between sixty-five and seventy-five live alone at home. ²For many of them, loneliness can be a serious problem. ³In many hospitals and retirement homes, they recognize that elderly patients often enjoy the friendship of pets. ⁴Dogs, cats, birds, and other pets can help a senior citizen feel independent, and they can also motivate an older person to stay active and get regular exercise.

⁵In some studies, it says that taking care of a pet can also have positive effects on senior citizens' health. ⁶For instance, pet owners' blood pressure drops, and their general alertness and memory increase. ⁷They said in a recent news article that many older people living alone consider their pet to be their best friend.