

Tip 4: Pronouns Exercise Answers

- 1.A. ___ When she was forty, Pearl Buck's novel *The Good Earth* won the Pulitzer Prize.
B. ___ When Pearl Buck was forty, her novel *The Good Earth* won the Pulitzer Prize.

Answer B is correct.

Answer A is incorrect. The pronoun *she* refers to *Pearl Buck*, but *Pearl Buck* does not appear in the sentence *Pearl Buck's* appears, but not *Pearl Buck*. Thus *she* refers to a noun that isn't there.

- 2.A. ___ At a local restaurant, they provide each table with a bucket of peanuts.
B. ___ At a local restaurant, the owner provides each table with a bucket of peanuts.

Answer B is correct.

Answer A is incorrect. The pronoun *they* does not refer to a noun in the sentence. *They* cannot refer to *restaurant*.

- 3.A. ___ Mary and Tom left their bags at the ticket counter, but then they weren't sure if they were safe.
B. ___ Mary and Tom left their bags at the ticket counter, but then they weren't sure if their bags were safe.

Answer B is correct.

Answer A is incorrect. The pronoun *they* could refer either to Mary and Tom or to their bags.

- 4.A. ___ Each of these computers has its drawbacks.
B. ___ Each of these computers has their drawbacks.

Answer A is correct.

Answer B is incorrect. *Each* is singular and *their* is plural.

- 5.A. ___ If job hunters want to make a good impression at an interview, he should be sure to arrive on time.
- B. ___ If job hunters want to make a good impression at an interview, they should be sure to arrive on time.

Answer B is correct.

Answer A is incorrect. *Job hunters* is plural. *He* is singular.