

EXERCISE 17-4 Sexist Language

Edit the following sentences to eliminate sexist language or sexist assumptions. Example:

Scholarship athletes
~~A scholarship athlete~~ must be as concerned about ~~his~~ academic
^ *they are* *their* ^
performance as ~~he is~~ about ~~his~~ athletic performance.
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- a. Mrs. GERALYN Farmer, who is the mayor's wife, is the chief surgeon at University Hospital.

Dr. Paul Green is her assistant.
- b. Every applicant wants to know how much he will make.
- c. An elementary school teacher should understand the concept of nurturing if she intends to be a success.
- d. The vice president for community affairs asked Elizabeth and Joseph to serve as cochairmen for the Red Cross blood drive.
- e. If man does not stop polluting his environment, mankind will perish.
 1. A fireman must always be on call even when he is off duty.
 2. If a high school graduate makes a career in the armed forces, he can retire with a comfortable pension before the age of fifty.
 3. In the gubernatorial race, Lena Weiss, a defense lawyer and mother of two, easily defeated Harvey Tower, an architect.
 4. My brother hired a lady lawyer who is a partner in the firm of Harris and Porter.
 5. A secretary must be willing to sacrifice some of her spare time in the evenings and on the weekends if she expects to advance within this company.