

EXERCISE 23-1

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.