

EXERCISE 13-1 Shifts in Person and Number

Edit the following paragraph to eliminate distracting shifts in point of view (person and number).

Many people my age grew up reading science fiction books that told you about life in the twenty-first century. The lives of the characters in these futuristic tales were often made easier by all kinds of machines, especially robots. Every one of the kids I knew wanted to have their own robot someday. We thought that you wouldn't have to do any chores at home if you had a robot to do the work. Today some kinds of robots exist, but my childhood robot fantasies have not exactly come true. There are no robots like Rosie, the mechanized maid on the cartoon *The Jetsons*. Instead, robots for consumer use are more likely to be toys. For example, a child today might have their own Furby, an animatronic stuffed animal. A Furby is kind of amusing, I admit, but I'm still a little disappointed. They can talk and move, but they won't clean your room.