**Faulty Pronouns - Exercise 3**

**Directions:** Each sentence below contains faulty pronoun reference: a pronoun with more than one antecedent. Rewrite each sentence, repairing every faulty pronoun reference. 

1. It says on the bottle label that the chemical will kill weeds.
2. A visitor to Italy immediately notices how friendly they are.
3. The democrats controlled the senate, which resulted in much liberal legislation.
4. People who have been heavy smokers for years often gain weight when they give it up.
5. My brother has been unemployed for three months because of illness. This makes him depressed.
6. In 19th century England, they put people in jail for debt.
7. It said on the evening news that a hurricane was heading this way.
8. When people talk to enemies, it causes a slight rise in blood pressure.
9. Terry wanted to become a teacher, but his father argued that one couldn't make much money from it.
10. Eric said that he would remain in Minnesota for at least one month. This explains his nervousness.

**Exercise 2**

**Rewrite each sentence to eliminate any unclear pronoun reference. Answers may vary.**

Example: The home team played the visiting team, and they lost the game.

**The home team played the visiting team, and the visiting team lost the game.**

**1.** In the mid-1800s the best way to get a letter from New York to San Francisco was to ship it around South America, which was slow and expensive.

**2.** Clipper ships took about three months to make the trip, which was too long.

**3.** Even after railroads began to be built, you couldn’t take them across the country.

**4.** They did not have railroad tracks between Missouri and the Pacific Coast.

**5.** This was called the “great American desert,” where they didn’t live.

**6.** Some stagecoaches crossed this land, which was very slow.

**7.** You could get mail to Missouri, which was sent from New York in four days.

**8.** Then the mail carriers had to cross the plains and then maneuver through the mountains, which stretched for 1,500 miles.

**9.** You could get a letter from Missouri to California in 25 days, which was almost 2,000 miles.

**10.** Then in 1860, they created the Pony Express.

**11.** This was a series of relay stations where fresh horses and riders waited to take the mail, which were much faster than stagecoaches.

**12.** They carried the mail 220 miles each day.

**13.** At first, the relay stations were 25 miles apart, which was too far for them to run at full speed.

**14.** Intermediate depots were set up every 10 to 15 miles where you could change mounts.

**15.** Your mail got from Missouri to San Francisco in 10 days.

**16.** The Pony Express received no subsidy from the government, which stopped operating after a year and a half.

**17.** The Pony Express came to be one of the most colorful episodes of the American West, which was a financial disaster.

**18.** Then in 1861, the first telegraph lines were stretched across the country, which allowed you to send messages faster.

**19.** At almost the same time, the Pony Express stopped operating, which was very expensive.

**20.** In 1869, they built the first transcontinental railroad.