Exercise on vague or Unclear Pronoun Reference Name
In the following pairs of sentences, one sentence is correct, and the other sentence contains a vague or ambiguous pronoun reference. Mark the CORRECT sentence.
1. A When Pearl Buck was forty, her novel The Good Earth won the Pulitzer Prize.
B When she was forty, Pearl Buck's novel The Good Earth won the Pulitzer Prize.
2. A Buck received much critical praise and earned over \$7 million, but she was very modest about it.
B Buck received much critical praise and earned over \$7 million, but she was very modest about her achievements.
3. A Katie was an only child, and it was hard.
B Katie was an only child, and her solitary life was hard.
4. A Jennifer's sister wondered if she were tall enough to be a model.
B Jennifer's sister wondered if Jennifer were tall enough to be a model.
<b>5.</b> A Dipping the spoon into the pot of simmering soup, Jean felt the spoon slip out of her hand.
B Dipping the spoon into the pot of simmering soup, Jean felt it slip out of her hand.
6. 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.
7. A Mary and Tom left their bags at the ticket counter, but then they weren't sure if their bags were safe.
B Mary and Tom left their bags at the ticket counter, but then they weren't sure if they were safe.
8. A The boat bumped the edge of the dock, but the dock didn't need many repairs.
B The boat bumped the edge of the dock, but it didn't need many repairs.
9. A Although Mike was a real sports fan, his brother never became interested in them.
B Although Mike was a real sports fan, his brother never became interested in sports.
10. A D.J. had a dog with fleas which he was always scratching.
B D.J. had a dog with fleas which the dog was always scratching.