

GRAMMAR ACTIVITY

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Pronouns

A. Fill in the blanks with suitable pronouns.

1. Those for whom skiing is an obsession would find life in the Snowy Mountains to _____ taste.
2. Since Nigel seldom talks about _____, I didn't know _____ liked classical ballet.
3. The lock on _____ suitcase broke, so all _____ belongings fell onto the conveyor belt.
4. Aphrodisias continued as a Byzantine centre until violent earthquakes and invasions brought _____ prosperity to an end.
5. I was going to buy a new motorcycle but I changed _____ mind and bought a second-hand one instead.
6. Sandra cannot understand the letter from _____ German pen friend, so she had _____ translated.
7. _____ have had our ups and downs since we left Madrid but for the most part _____ are very happy living in the country.
8. Filming a wild animal in _____ habitat requires careful preparation, unending patience and at times, _____ must be courageous.
9. With the discovery of Pluto's moon, Charon, astronomers now think Pluto is the smallest planet in _____ solar system.
10. The boss is so convinced of Tony's ability that _____ is paying _____ more money than he paid the previous employee.
11. _____ parents are concerned about my health as I'm not taking good care of _____.
12. In elementary school, all of the children are provided textbooks, so _____ don't have to buy _____ own.
13. The student overheard the teacher saying that _____ last piece of homework was better.
14. The bike that Sue was riding went out of control and shot a traffic sign. That was the first time Sue had hit _____ with _____ bike.
15. It's very inconsiderate of _____ to have asked you to give up _____ one free evening. They are not very kind.
16. I have just handed the box to the post officer and now _____ is weighing it to see how much postage _____ needs.
17. Some people are introverts, who are quiet and shy people who find _____ difficult to talk to _____ people.
18. Jerry loves to play basketball, so I had _____ brother go to a store in the town centre and get _____ a new ball.
19. By the time _____ lawyer reached the police station, the bank clerk had already confessed _____ guilt.

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20. All the people at the party knew _____ already, so we didn't need to introduce them to _____.
21. The flight crew on _____ long trip to Rio de Janeiro were very attentive. _____ efforts to make us comfortable were greatly appreciated.
22. My father always told me to handle my problems _____ and not to expect _____ to solve them for me.
23. When I was younger, I would get embarrassed by _____ mistakes. Now I'm more relaxed and have found _____ easier to laugh at them.
24. Although _____ had several people to help her, my grandmother still did the biggest part of the work on _____.
25. Every spring millions of American children enjoy the custom of searching Easter eggs hidden the night before by _____ parents.
26. There is an average of fifty recorded shark attacks a year in Florida; of _____, about six are really fatal.
27. After a long, tiring day, James couldn't keep control of _____ anger any longer and he started shouting at _____.
28. Industrial psychologists have found that most people would continue to work even if _____ became very wealthy.
29. When I rang to apologise for _____ mistake, Rebecca just pulled the phone down without saying _____.
30. I had the news from the most direct source; Tony _____ told me he was planning to change jobs.
31. The thieves managed to get into the jeweller's after closing time by appearing _____ to be as security guards.
32. What really annoys _____ about my friend Jessica is the way she acts when she can't get _____ own way.
33. Don't leave the children alone for too long or _____ will start doing _____ naughty.
34. _____ must immediately recover the CDs back before Tony finds out _____ are missing.
35. There must be _____ wrong with Sandy's phone because I can't make contact to _____.
36. In theory, the more advanced _____ technology becomes; the more likely _____ are to contact alien life forms.
37. If the match is on 14th of May, you will have to count _____ out because _____ best friend is getting married.
38. Martha's plans to open a café failed because the bank refused to give _____ a loan.
39. Realising he had misunderstood _____ letter; Belinda made her fiancé aware of the fact that she was going out with _____ else.
40. In view of the rapid growth of the world population, the task of feeding _____ is a sensitive one.

11. Although the essential procedures of papermaking by machine are identical with ---- of hand papermaking, machine papermaking is considerably more complex.

- A) those B) these
C) that D) this
E) its

12. You needn't have told ---- about the problem because I had arranged to see him ---- later in the week.

- A) his / me B) him / my
C) him / of my own D) him / myself
E) he / mine

13. As there wasn't ---- on the wild plains of Central America for ----, the early settlers decided to move to west.

- A) nothing / everyone B) anything / anyone
C) anything else / no one D) nowhere / anybody
E) nowhere / nobody

14. These facts are unimportant in ---- but if you put ---- together, they may mean more and they become important.

- A) theirs / their B) itself / theirs
C) themselves / them D) them / their
E) itself / themselves

15. The yearly movement of the stars was first noticed by early travellers, who used ---- to guide ---- way across the sea.

- A) them / their B) its / themselves
C) theirs / them D) it / they
E) their / on their own

16. Most bacteria are unable to manufacture ---- own food from simple inorganic substances, as a result, they feed on organic compounds manufactured by ----.

- A) them / the others B) their / another
C) theirs / other D) their / others
E) themselves / the other

17. We were told that we had to check out of the hotel before one o'clock, or else we would have to pay for ---- day.

- A) other B) another
C) the others D) others
E) every other

18. No matter what ---- says, the judge will give the smuggler the punishment ---- deserves and nobody will be able to change it.

- A) anyone / he B) everyone / him
C) anybody / his D) nobody / he
E) somebody / him

19. One may argue that successful novels depend not so much on ---- plots as they do on the characters ---- portray.

- A) theirs / them B) their / their
C) their / they D) them / theirs
E) theirs / they

20. Although the kids put ---- minds and muscle to finish the tree house, they were unable to complete ---- due to a sudden rainfall.

- A) them / it's B) their / it
C) they / its D) theirs / its
E) themselves / it

D. Choose the correct answer.

1. **Using low doses of antibiotics which don't kill the bacteria only helps ---- develop ---- resistance.**

- A) their / them B) it / its
 C) themselves / their D) its / it
 E) their / its

2. **After Mr Pillows had died, the money from ---- estate reverted to the company which ---- had served as president for ten years.**

- A) him / himself B) its / he
 C) their / him D) his / he
 E) them / on his own

3. **My sister, Sharon, will not be making a lot of money in ---- new position but it offers ---- several career advancement opportunities.**

- A) her / her B) its / hers
 C) of her own / hers D) hers / its
 E) herself / hers

4. **Since I couldn't follow the lecture as I knew ---- about the subject matter, I really can't give an opinion on it.**

- A) himself B) anything
 C) something D) myself
 E) nothing

5. **When I mentioned the job to Tim, he said we shouldn't include ---- in unless he was going to be well paid for ----.**

- A) his / its B) us / himself
 C) him / it D) ours / his
 E) himself / its

6. **The local government wants to develop the Caracas region but to develop the mines, metal making industry and ---- projects cost around 75 billion U.S. dollars.**

- A) the others B) other
 C) another D) one another
 E) others

7. **It is no use expecting ---- to find a job for my brother, Harold; he must do something about it ----. He should go out and do his best.**

- A) someone else / himself
 B) nobody / themselves
 C) anyone else / him
 D) everyone / theirs
 E) no one / his

8. **Some literary critics felt Pearl Buck, who was the daughter of missionaries, allowed ---- upbringing to interfere with ---- objectivity as a writer.**

- A) hers / her B) herself / their
 C) her / her D) their / hers
 E) them / her

9. **Nancy told ---- that she had no intention of apologising for what she had done the previous night in front of ---- guests.**

- A) mine / us B) my / ours
 C) me / ourselves D) me / our
 E) myself / ours

10. **My friend, George is interested in collecting stamps, so he had hundreds of stamps and few of ---- are extremely valuable.**

- A) themselves B) theirs
 C) each other D) their
 E) them

11. Before an international flight, when you present ---- ticket at the airport, you must have your passport with ----.

- A) you / yours B) your / you
 C) yours / your D) yourself / yours
 E) you / itself

12. Julia wants to take two years off from college and tour Asia but I'm sure ---- parents will never approve ----.

- A) her / that B) herself / those
 C) hers / it D) on her own / these
 E) hers / its

13. Despite chairman's effort to discuss the matter, ---- wanted to discuss it because ---- was interested in the subject.

- A) anyone / nothing B) no one / anybody
 C) nobody / no one D) everybody / anything
 E) someone / nobody

14. Having discussed the matter for more than an hour, Kitty preferred Mark's plan because ---- was more cost efficient than ----.

- A) it / hers B) its / her
 C) itself / her D) it / herself
 E) its / hers

15. Motorists who intend to take ---- cars with ---- to the Continent are advised to make early reservations.

- A) themselves / their B) their / them
 C) them / theirs D) theirs / they
 E) their / on their own

16. If you explained the situation to ---- solicitor, he would be able to advise ---- much better than I can. They know what to do under these circumstances.

- A) yours / you're B) you / yours
 C) you / yourself D) your / you
 E) yours / you

17. My brother asked me to lend ---- five pounds, which I agreed to do, somewhat reluctantly, on condition that he paid ---- back the following week.

- A) his / mine B) himself / my
 C) him / me D) his / myself
 E) of his own / I

18. I was in the queue at the bank when two men entered suddenly and told ---- to lie down. I don't remember the rest of it.

- A) no one B) someone else
 C) anyone else D) everyone
 E) anybody

19. Silvia and Toby had an argument last night because of the film ---- wanted to go, so they're not speaking to ----.

- A) their / one after another
 B) they / each other
 C) theirs / the other
 D) themselves / another
 E) they / other

20. Though the American writer Anne Porter used a variety of places for the setting of ---- novels, she often came back to the scenes of ---- early years.

- A) hers / her B) herself / hers
 C) hers / hers D) her / her
 E) her / hers

