

EXERCISE W4-3 Sexist language

Edit the following sentences to eliminate sexist language or sexist assumptions. Example:

Scholarship athletes
A ~~scholarship athlete~~ must be as concerned about ~~his~~ *their*
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academic performance as ~~he is~~ *they are* about ~~his~~ *their* athletic
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performance.

- a. Mrs. Geralyn Farmer, who is the mayor's wife, is the chief surgeon at University Hospital. Dr. Paul Green is her assistant.
- b. Every applicant wants to know how much he will make.
- c. An elementary school teacher should understand the concept of nurturing if she intends to be a success.
- d. Every student of high-tech architecture picks his favorite when he studies such inspirational architects as Renzo Piano and Zaha Hadid.
- e. If man does not stop polluting his environment, mankind will perish.
 1. A fireman must always be on call even when he is off duty.
 2. The chairman for the new program in digital art is Ariana Tamlin, an accomplished portrait painter, computer programmer, and cookie baker.
 3. In the gubernatorial race, Lena Weiss, a defense lawyer and mother of two, easily defeated Harvey Tower, an architect.
 4. Recent military history has shown that lady combat helicopter pilots are as skilled, reliable, and resourceful as men.
 5. An emergency room head nurse must know how to use sophisticated digital equipment if she is to keep track of all her patients' data and guide her medical team.