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Circle the vague pronoun in each sentence. Then rewrite the sentence so there is a clear antecedent. There are multiple ways to fix each sentence.





Preview

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- 3. They asked for more books to be parchased for the library.
- 4. Malik thought he had put his favorite shirt in a storage bin, but now he can't find it.
- 5. Mr. Lui always keeps a picture of his kids in his wallet, but it went missing last week.
- 6. Julian took the pancake out of the box and threw it in the trash.

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