Chapter 8, Exercise 1: Non-Inclusive Language

Non-inclusive language assumes the universality of one. Provide some alternatives to each term in bold.

1. **Mankind** cannot survive without oxygen.
   
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2. All **men** have the right to bear arms.
   
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3. From the **dawn of man**, human beings have strived to reach the heavens.
   
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4. On certain holidays, we should remember our **founding fathers** and **servicemen**.
   
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5. We should care for all of our **brethren**.
   
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6. The **fraternal** bond among **policemen** is rumored to be very strong.
   
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7. **My fellow** Americans, I have a very important message for you.
   
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8. This show is all about **man-made** textiles.
   
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9. Wine makes a wonderful gift for the **hostess** and the **housewife**!

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10. I’d like to introduce you to my **receptionist**, Mrs. Samuel Jones.

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Chapter 8, Exercise 2: Features of Women’s Language

Robin Lakoff identified several features that she claimed were representative of the ways women speak. Recall those features as you consider each statement. Underline the aspect/s of the sentence you believe are particularly feminine.

1. “I chose pink for the girls’ room, but it’s more carnation than bubblegum.”

2. “You don’t mind taking me to the grocery store, do you?”

3. “I’m sorry, but I don’t think that movie was very funny.”

4. “Would you mind terribly if I stopped by during your office hours?”

5. “Our new puppy is just adorbs!”

6. “Fudge! I smashed my hand in the door!”

7. “The last time I talked to him, I was like, ‘You better get some sleep.’”

8. “It’s really hot in here, isn’t it?”

9. “Oh my god, Khloe, that metallic bag is a-maaazing.”

10. “It’s just my opinion, but I think we really should have turned left back there.”

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