

Singular Indefinite Pronouns

anybody	everyone	no one	everybody
anyone	much	one	
each	neither	somebody	
either	nobody	someone	

Everybody *is* here. One of these pens *is* yours.

Plural Indefinite Pronouns

both	few	many	others	several
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Both *are* here. Several of these pens *are* yours.

Singular or Plural

none	all	any	most	some
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None - Singular or Plural?

Elements of Style, Strunk and White

With *none*, use the singular verb when the word means “no one” or “not one.”

None of us *is* perfect.

A plural verb is commonly used when *none* suggests more than one thing or person.

None *are* so fallible as those who *are* sure they *are* right.

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can be used as singular or plural.

None of the book *was* interesting. (singular)

None of the articles *were* interesting. (plural)

Some of the land *is* swampy. (Singular)

Subject - Verb Agreement Exercises

Directions: Complete the following sentences with a correct form of the verb “to be” (is, are, was, were). Underline the subject of each sentence.

Example: Each of the girls is expected to attend.

1. Neither of the dogs _____ expected to win first place at the dog show this year.
2. Everyone who went to the show _____ hoping his dog would win.
3. Jasper, along with his entire family, _____ planning to attend the next show.
4. The family _____ not ready to go yet. The family members _____ still getting ready.
5. One of the dogs _____ selected as “Best of Show” last year.
6. Either Furry or Fuzzy _____ expected to win first place.
7. Spot is the only one of the dogs who _____ selected mascot for the fire station.
8. The baseball team _____ going to ask Rover’s master to stop bringing him to games.
9. Each of the team members _____ tired of hearing Rover bark.
10. One of the players _____ distracted by Rover’s bark just as he was at bat.
11. The cause of his problem _____ the bad brakes. The bad brakes _____ the problem.