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## Subject-Verb Agreement – Exercise 2

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**Directions:** In the blank, use the correct **present tense** form of the verb given at the beginning of each sentence.

1. **to disapprove:** Not only the Zorteks from Saturn but also the Martian ambassador \_\_\_\_\_ of the unfriendly greeting from the United Nations.
2. **to annoy:** Each of my brothers \_\_\_\_\_ me with his bad habits, like nose-picking at the dinner table and spitting on the sidewalk.
3. **to keep:** Even though Jose has seen the film at least twenty times, *Star Wars* always \_\_\_\_\_ him on the edge of his seat.
4. **to be:** Where \_\_\_\_\_ the gas mask and HAZMAT gloves? It's time to change the litter box.
5. **to make:** The giant spider in the kitchen, together with the cockroaches in the bathroom, \_\_\_\_\_ entertaining at my house a potentially embarrassing experience.
6. **to disagree:** Even after carefully considering the evidence for several days, the jury still \_\_\_\_\_ about the guilt of the mob kingpin.
7. **to arrive:** For the trial of the mob kingpin, the sequestered jury \_\_\_\_\_ in a bulletproof van.
8. **to give:** Physics \_\_\_\_\_ Philip many headaches because he has to solve long, difficult word problems.
9. **to be:** A vitamin C tablet, in addition to milk jug caps and dead cockroaches, \_\_\_\_\_ part of the debris that Sara found when she cleaned under the stove.
10. **to see:** Neither of the surfers \_\_\_\_\_ the sharks that wish to make a quick snack of some human toes.
11. **to go:** Jim, together with his dog Pooh, \_\_\_\_\_ walking on the golf course everyday, even in the rain.
12. **to be:** In the backyard of Sam's house \_\_\_\_\_ the buried corpses of many pets, including all of the goldfish that he won at state fairs.
13. **to be:** Zipping through the clouds \_\_\_\_\_ a fleet of UFO's—with the United States Air Force in hot pursuit.
14. **to make:** Not only shopping for presents but also attending boring parties \_\_\_\_\_ many people dislike the winter holidays.

15. **to cause:** This semester, statistics \_\_\_\_\_ Shantell the most frustration.
16. **to be:** Mrs. Mauzy told her student, "There \_\_\_\_\_ too many subject-verb errors in this essay for it to pass."
17. **to have:** The inch-thick dust on all the furniture, as well as the piles of unwashed clothes and dirty dishes, \_\_\_\_\_ convinced Tony that Horace will not make a good roommate.
18. **to buy:** Neither the nurses nor Dr. Taggart \_\_\_\_\_ soup at the hospital cafeteria. There are rumors that the cooks regularly use two-week-old leftovers as the primary ingredient.
19. **to have:** That pair of pants \_\_\_\_\_ a big rip in the back that showcases your polka-dotted boxer shorts.
20. **to enjoy:** Neither the spoiled chimpanzees nor the pampered gorilla \_\_\_\_\_ bananas without ice cream, chocolate sauce, and chopped nuts.
21. **to fill:** One thousand pounds of jelly beans \_\_\_\_\_ the bed of Betty's truck.
22. **to sneer:** Richard, the class snob, together with his two arrogant buddies, Philip and Charles, \_\_\_\_\_ at everyone who pulls into the parking lot in a car that costs less than \$50,000.00.
23. **to come:** From the school cafeteria \_\_\_\_\_ the palest tomatoes, the driest lettuce, and the most nuclear-green pickle slices that you will ever see.
24. **to have:** The entire class, including the two students who have slept every day in the back row, \_\_\_\_\_ been invited to have dinner at Mr. Parker's house.
25. **to be:** Where \_\_\_\_\_ the gifts that I deserve for washing all the smashed love bugs off the front of your car?



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