Subject-Verb Agreement – Exercise 3

This handout accompanies Exercise 3 of *Grammar Bytes!* Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: <u>http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm</u>

Directions: Some of the sentences below contain subject-verb agreement errors. If you find an error, draw a line through it and write the correction in the space provided. *Keep all verbs in the present tense.* If the sentence is correct, write **CORRECT** in the blank.

- 1. Our dog Babe, together with her seven puppies, have chewed all the stuffing out of the sofa cushions.
 - 2. This weekend, a Great White shark, as well as a school of barracuda, are terrorizing the tourists at Daytona Beach.
- 3. Where is the bowl of squid eyeball stew and the platter of broccoli-chocolate muffins that Madison made for Elizabeth's housewarming party?
 - 4. Here are the fifty-dollar bill that I promised for pet sitting Bo-Bo, my Jack Russell terrier, this weekend.
 - 5. Neither of my two older brothers invests money wisely.
 - 6. Every piece of popcorn and dropped chocolate on the theater floor has stuck in the treads of Larry's new running shoes.
- 7. All that Susan wants this semester is a wink and a smile from the cute guy who sits next to her in algebra class.
 - 8. All that the cute guy wants this semester is the correct answers from Susan's algebra quiz.
 - 9. Now that the cute guy has found a way to cheat, mathematics no longer cause him problems in school.
 - 10. Mike is one of those students who never brings a pen with him to writing class.
 - _11. The iguana is the only one of my brother's reptiles that does not require live rodents for dinner.
- 12. The family have conflicting opinions about how to celebrate the holidays since they learned that Grandpa is a space alien from a distant galaxy.
 - _____13. Seventeen dollars are all that Brenda has saved for spring break this year.
- _____14. Two hundred buckets of sand fill the interior of Mr. Clark's new car.
- 15. The flaming-orange polyester pants, together with the beehive hairdo, make Betty stand out among the other shoppers at the mall.

16.	Here is the grasshoppers that you need to give the iguana while Marvin recovers in the hospital.
17.	Wrestling on the cafeteria floor are two hungry students that want the last slice of pepperoni pizza.
18.	Not only the squid soufflé but also the fried octopus make a delicious snack to eat while you are watching 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea .
19.	Mary Anne's compassion, as well as the Professor's intelligence and the Skipper's good humor, are what Jillian most enjoys about <i>Gilligan's Island</i> .
20.	Each of these yo-yo champions give the same advice: you have to risk whacking yourself in the head a few times to master the really challenging tricks.
21.	Every love bug smashed on his windshield, every cockroach poisoned by insecticide, and every trapped spider starving to death in a dusty corner causes Ernie, an aspiring Buddhist, a pang of guilt.
22.	The powdery sugar on lemon doughnuts makes Rhonda happy to start a new day.
23.	Every one of Jenny's six cats enjoy relaxing on top of her new car; the paw prints create an Art Deco design in the dust that coats the hood.
24.	Lincoln is one of those people who thinks eating at Tito's Taco Palace is an authentic multicultural experience.

25. There is many misconceptions about gorillas; the most damaging is that these primates are ferocious, crazed killers like King Kong.

