Subject-Verb Agreement – Exercise 2

This handout accompanies Exercise 2 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: 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 polkadotted 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?

