

## Subject-Verb Agreement – Exercise 4

This handout accompanies Exercise 4 of **Grammar Bytes!** Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: <http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm>

**Directions:** Choose the correct **present tense** verb form for the sentences below.

- Every pale tomato slice, wilted pickle, and brown lettuce leaf \_\_\_\_\_ an extra 25 cents at Bernie's Burger Emporium.
  - costs
  - cost
  - costed
  - had cost
- Not only the Smiths but also Tonya \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to try one of the world-famous chocolate-broccoli muffins.
  - has
  - have
  - had
  - has been
- The Smiths, along with Tonya, \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid indigestion after eating these weird muffins.
  - hopes
  - hope
  - hoped
  - had hoped
- On the sidewalk \_\_\_\_\_ many little lizards sunning themselves on the hot concrete.
  - is
  - are
  - was
  - were
- Even though Antonio has many friends who love their Chevrolets and Buicks, he has always believed that General Motors \_\_\_\_\_ lemons.
  - makes
  - make
  - made
  - had made
- My dog Floyd, together with Buster the cat, \_\_\_\_\_ to play with money; the cat swats crumpled bills onto the floor where the dog shreds them to pieces.
  - likes
  - like
  - liked
  - had liked

7. Latoya isn't going to Daytona Beach for spring break because fourteen dollars \_\_\_\_\_ all that she has in her vacation fund.
- A. is
  - B. are
  - C. was
  - D. were
8. Even though Johnson and Johnson \_\_\_\_\_ consumers not to insert Q-tips into their ears, people refuse to read directions and frequently rupture their eardrums.
- A. warns
  - B. warn
  - C. warned
  - D. had warned
9. All of my important keys \_\_\_\_\_ now stuck in the drain pipe of my bathroom sink. Buster, my kitten, doesn't realize how much his playfulness inconveniences me.
- A. is
  - B. are
  - C. was
  - D. were
10. Grandpa claims that Martian measles \_\_\_\_\_ green and purple spots to erupt all over a person's body.
- A. causes
  - B. cause
  - C. will cause
  - D. had caused
11. Digging holes in the sofa cushions \_\_\_\_\_ Peanut, Elizabeth's new puppy.
- A. is
  - B. are
  - C. was
  - D. were
12. Even though the jury \_\_\_\_\_ to believe that the defendant did not feed Elvis to the Loch Ness Monster, much of the evidence points to the her guilt.
- A. wants
  - B. want
  - C. wanted
  - D. are wanting
13. Neither the students nor their instructor \_\_\_\_\_ happy with the long cafeteria line for squid eyeball stew.
- A. is
  - B. are
  - C. was
  - D. were

14. Neither of Freud's parents \_\_\_\_\_ much intelligence when it comes to choosing spouses. Freud's father has married five times, and Mom just presented him with stepfather number three.
- A. has
  - B. have
  - C. are showing
  - D. had
15. Each of these women \_\_\_\_\_ that she had read the care instructions before washing the delicate and expensive dresses.
- A. wishes
  - B. wish
  - C. wished
  - D. would wish
16. Here \_\_\_\_\_ the mail and newspapers that I picked up for you while you were on vacation.
- A. is
  - B. are
  - C. was
  - D. be
17. Mr. Lowry, our English teacher, believes that students who major in economics or physics \_\_\_\_\_ their imaginations.
- A. ruins
  - B. ruin
  - C. has ruined
  - D. ruined
18. \_\_\_\_\_ no one except Marge and Beatrice have the subject-verb agreement exercises that Ms. Koopman assigned for today?
- A. does
  - B. do
  - C. did
  - D. has
19. Here \_\_\_\_\_ Tonya and Robert, the two students who scored 100 percent on the subject-verb agreement quiz.
- A. stands
  - B. stand
  - C. is standing
  - D. stood
20. General Foods, the maker of Cheerios, \_\_\_\_\_ developed a new cereal with chocolate puffs and broccoli-flavored marshmallows.
- A. has
  - B. have
  - C. had
  - D. is

21. Each man, woman, and child \_\_\_\_\_ to write General Foods a letter supporting the company's decision to produce a chocolate-broccoli breakfast cereal.
- A. needs
  - B. need
  - C. needed
  - D. will need
22. There \_\_\_\_\_ more calories in a bowl of chocolate-broccoli breakfast cereal than you might think.
- A. is
  - B. are
  - C. will be
  - D. were
23. Not only the vitamin C from the broccoli but also the delicious taste of the chocolate \_\_\_\_\_ this breakfast cereal a real crowd pleaser.
- A. makes
  - B. make
  - C. made
  - D. will make
24. Who needs a pet if you live in Florida? There already \_\_\_\_\_ lizards that sneak in between the window screens and cockroaches that take up residence in every bathroom and kitchen.
- A. is
  - B. are
  - C. has been
  - D. had been
25. Susan is one of those students who \_\_\_\_\_ up to the instructor every chance that they get.
- A. kisses
  - B. kiss
  - C. kissed
  - D. has kissed



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