

Subject Verb Agreement Worksheet

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EXERCISE A Underline the subject in each of the following sentences. Then, underline the form of the verb in parentheses that agrees with the subject.

Example 1. A box of old photographs (was, were) found in the attic.

1. The sneakers in the closet (belongs, belong) to me.
2. A fan in the bleachers (was, were) waving a large banner.
3. A pile of dirty dishes (is, are) in the sink.
4. Many paintings by Vincent van Gogh (hangs, hang) in the art museum.
5. The teacher of my science class (was, were) writing a book.
6. Many houses in my neighborhood (has, have) wooden porches.
7. The capital of the United States (is, are) Washington, D.C.
8. The author of these short stories (has, have) written a play, too.
9. The players on our team (works, work) hard.
10. Five students in my school (plays, play) in a band.

EXERCISE B Each of the following sentences has an indefinite pronoun as a subject. For each sentence, underline the verb that agrees with the subject.

Example 1. Each of the planets in our solar system (orbits, orbit) the sun.

1. One of the planets (has, have) visible rings.
2. Nobody (has, have) observed moons around Mercury.
3. All of the students (uses, use) telescopes.
4. Everyone (is, are) able to see the moon tonight.
5. Some of the stars (seems, seem) to twinkle.
6. Most of the stars (is, are) invisible to us.
7. Each of the visible stars (is, are) a huge ball of gas.
8. Not one of the nine planets (escapes, escape) the gravitational pull of the sun.
9. No one (knows, know) how many stars there are.
10. Neither of the astronomers (needs, need) a microscope.
11. Most of the researchers (has, have) many questions.
12. Everyone (needs, need) to learn more.
13. One of the constellations (resembles, resemble) a hunter.
14. Several of the books (contains, contain) photographs.
15. Some of the scientists (works, work) high up on mountaintops.
16. Neither of the inner planets (has, have) moons.
17. (Is, Are) either of the inner planets visible tonight?
18. A few of the planets (is, are) not visible to the naked eye.
19. Someone (is, are) asking about comets.
20. (Does, Do) anyone know if comets orbit the sun?

EXERCISE C Each of the following sentences contains two verb forms in parentheses. For each sentence, underline the verb form that agrees with the subject.

Example 1. An adult or two children (fits, fit) inside this bumper car.

1. Two rabbits and a gerbil (lives, live) in big cages in our science classroom.
2. Either my brother or my sister (is, are) waiting for me.
3. One maple and three elms (stands, stand) in the yard.
4. Lentils or beans (is, are) are used in the stew.
5. Neither my sister nor my parents (knows, know) the answer to the riddle.
6. A car and three buses (was, were) involved in the accident.
7. Neither my cousins nor my aunt (wants, want) the salad.
8. Either Mr. Brooks or his son (washes, wash) the car.
9. Damont or his parents usually (helps, help) us.
10. He and his dogs (is, are) going for a hike.