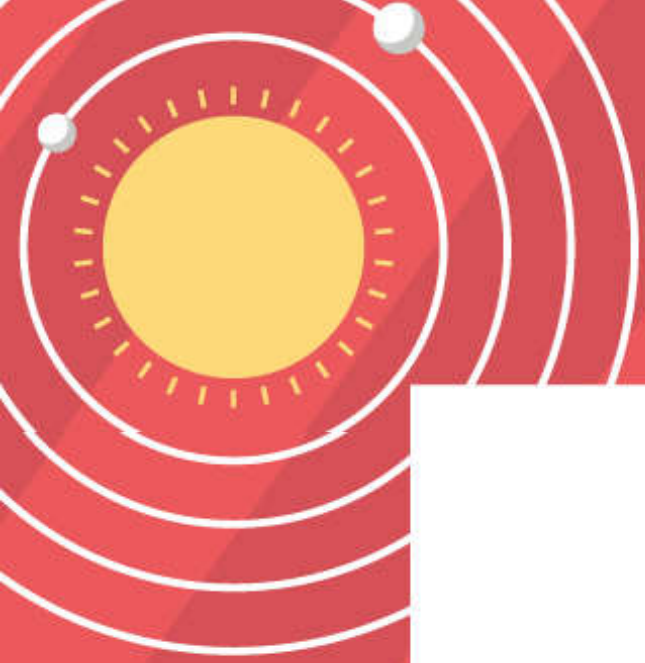


# **Subject – Verb Agreement**



Subjects and verbs must agree in number.

1

Tan **loves** to eat soup.

My students **love** to play the piano.

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2 If two subjects are joined by "and," they typically require a plural verb form.

Joe **and** Joy are going to the supermarket.

Dogs **and** cats are lovely pets.

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When two or more singular nouns or pronouns are connected by or, nor, either...or, neither...nor, not only ... but also follows the follower

3

The boy or his friends **run** every day.

Neither his friends nor the boy **runs** every day.

Doesn't, Don't, Didn't are followed by V.0.

4

She **doesn't go** to school today.

The books **didn't be** paid yesterday.

5 Prepositional phrase modifies the earlier word.

A bouquet of yellow roses **lend** color and fragrance to the room.

The cities of Thailand **are** so beautiful.

The phrase introduced by "as well as" , "along with" , "not" , "together with" , "except" , "including" modifies the earlier word.

6

Some people including my brother **love** durians.

John together with his colleagues **has agreed** to work late tonight.

**7** The words “there” and “here” are never subjects.

There **are** two reasons for this.  
There **is** no reason for this.

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**8** Modifier is not a subject.

John, with all his players, **was** on the field.  
Jacob, who owns sixteen houses, **is** on his way to become a billionaire.



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The words “each”, “each one”, “either”, “neither”, “everyone”, “everybody”, “anybody”, “anyone”, “nobody”, “somebody”, “someone” and “no one” are singular and require a singular verb.

**9**

Each of these hot dogs **is** juicy.  
Everybody **knows** Mr. Jones.

**10** The words “all”, “both”, “few”, “many”, “some” and “several” are plural and require a plural verb

All **were** ready to leave the party by midnight.  
Few **were** left alive after the flood.

Quantifiers of “a lot of”, “lots of”, “plenty of”, “most of”, “some of”, “all of”, “none of” and “percent of”

**11**

I think most of English wine **is** too sweet.  
A lot of people **are** in the room.

**12**

A number of + V.plural

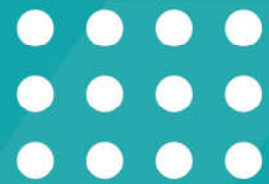
The number of + V.singular

A large number of students **are** playing football.

The number of students in the class **is** limited to twenty.



# Exercise



## Subject – Verb Agreement

### Exercise

1. Neither my dad nor my brothers \_\_\_\_\_ how to ski.
  - 1) know
  - 2) knows
  - 3) knew
  - 4) knowing
  - 5) known

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2. Either my sisters or Grandpa \_\_\_\_\_ going to the park.

1) is

2) are

3) was

4) were

5) be

## Subject – Verb Agreement

### Exercise

3. There \_\_\_\_\_ fifteen candies in that bag. Now there  
\_\_\_\_\_ only one left!

1) was / are

2) were / is

3) was / is

4) was / was

5) were / were

## Subject – Verb Agreement

### Exercise

4. The movie, including all the previews, \_\_\_\_\_ about two hours to watch.

- 1) take
- 2) takes
- 3) took
- 4) taken
- 5) taking



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5. One of my sisters \_\_\_\_\_ going on a trip to France.

1) is

2) am

3) to be

4) been

5) being

## Subject – Verb Agreement

### Exercise

6. The players, as well as the captain, \_\_\_\_\_ to win.

- 1) want
- 2) wants
- 3) wanted
- 4) wanting
- 5) to want

## Subject – Verb Agreement

### Exercise

7. Nobody \_\_\_\_\_ the trouble I've seen.

1) know

2) knows

3) knew

4) knowing

5) known

## Subject – Verb Agreement

### Exercise

8. The Prime Minister, together with his wife and son,  
\_\_\_\_\_ the press at the conference hall.

- 1) greet
- 2) greets
- 3) greeting
- 4) to greet
- 5) greeted

## Subject – Verb Agreement

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9. The table and chair I got at the store \_\_\_\_\_

really nice in here.

1) look

2) looks

3) looked

4) to look

5) looking

## Subject – Verb Agreement

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10. The members of the choir \_\_\_\_\_ very happy  
with the performance.

- 1) is
- 2) are
- 3) being
- 4) to be
- 5) been

## Subject – Verb Agreement

### Exercise

11. There \_\_\_\_\_ seven clean plates in the dining room.

- 1) is
- 2) are
- 3) being
- 4) to be
- 5) been

## Subject – Verb Agreement

### Exercise

**12. Not only the students but also their instructor**

**\_\_\_\_\_ been called to the principal's office.**

**1) has**

**2) have**

**3) had**

**4) having**

**5) to have**



## Subject – Verb Agreement

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**13. Every student and instructor in this building  
\_\_\_\_\_ for a new facility by next year.**

- 1) hope**
- 2) hopes**
- 3) hoped**
- 4) hoping**
- 5) to hope**

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14. Even though Antonio has many friends who love their Chevrolets and Buicks, he has always believed that General Motors \_\_\_\_\_ lemons.

1) make

2) makes.

3) made

4) making

5) to make

## Subject – Verb Agreement

### Exercise

15. Even though Johnson and Johnson \_\_\_\_\_ consumers not to insert Q-tips into their ears, people refuse to read directions and frequently puncture their eardrums.

1) warn

2) warns

3) warned

4) warning

5) to warn

## Subject – Verb Agreement

### Exercise

16. Children who are two years old and younger are \_\_\_\_\_ free of charge to most concerts and films.

- 1) admit
- 2) admits
- 3) admitted
- 4) admitting
- 5) to admit

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17. Our strict father never \_\_\_\_\_ at night with friends.

He always says it's too risky and inappropriate for girls.

- 1) let us to go out
- 2) letting ours going out
- 3) lets we going out
- 4) let us going out
- 5) lets us go out

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18. Fifteen passengers of Philippines Airlines flight from Hawaii \_\_\_\_\_ after the aircraft hit turbulence on the way to Manila.

1) that are injured

4) were injured

2) are injury

5) get injuring

3) get the injured

## Subject – Verb Agreement

### Exercise

19. 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.

1) has

2) have

3) to have

4) had

5) having

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20. Here \_\_\_\_\_ the mail and newspapers that I  
picked up for you while you were on vacation.

- 1) is
- 2) are
- 3) be
- 4) being
- 5) been