

SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT

This quiz covers compound subjects with one singular and one plural noun or pronoun, complex sentences, and special nouns that can be confusing, like collective and nouns that end with an "s" that are singular.

A. Directions: Underline the correct verb in these sentences.

1. Sally (run, runs) to the park every day.
2. The dogs (bark, barks,) at strangers.
3. Ted and Mary (is, are) going to the movies.
4. The game (was, were) exciting.
5. They (worry, worries) too much.
6. She (study, studies) every night.
7. Black or white (is, are) your choice.
8. That (was, were) incredible.
9. Those (is, are) pretty shoes.
10. The cat or dog (is, are) in the yard.

B. Directions: Put a C if the sentence is correct, an X if it is not correct.

1. ___ They have been waiting a long time.
2. ___ The pen or the pencil are lost.
3. ___ Someone don't understand.
4. ___ Those has been cheaper in the past.
5. ___ Randy and Juan like sports.
6. ___ These are really special.
7. ___ You rides with me.
8. ___ All of them goes to school.
9. ___ Tony likes Mary.
10. ___ That movie was awesome.

C. Directions: Underline the correct verb in these sentences.

1. The girl or her sisters (watch, watches) television every day.
2. Rob (doesn't, don't) like sports.
3. His classmates or the boy (study, studies) before a test.
4. One of the cookies (is, are) missing.
5. A lady with 10 cats (live, lives) in that big house.
6. Mumps (is, are) very serious.
7. The committee (decide, decides) when to adjourn.
8. Our team (is, are) the best.
9. Everybody (enjoy, enjoys) a good song.
10. Everybody (know, knows) you are a liar.

D. Directions: Put a C if the sentence is correct, an X if it is not correct.

1. ___ Cats and dogs love to run.
2. ___ He don't like chocolate.
3. ___ Her friends or Sarah excel at volleyball.
4. ___ Each of these have been ruined.
5. ___ Trousers are baggy now.
6. ___ The students, as well as the teacher, are nervous about the test.
7. ___ The news are on at 10.
8. ___ My family are a lot of fun.
9. ___ Mathematics is hard for many.
10. ___ The director, with all the cast members, works very hard.

E. Choose the correct verb in each sentence below.

1. Emily and Greg (comes, come) to my house every Friday for lunch.
2. There (is, are) time to watch the movie.
3. My friends who are in the band (wants, want) me to play a musical instrument.
4. My father or my brothers (is, are) coming with me to the ball game.
5. Everyone (needs, need) time to relax.
6. That bag of oranges (looks, look) fresh.
7. The lacrosse team (hopes, hope) to win the tournament next week.
8. Your trousers (needs, need) to be cleaned.
9. Some of the books on the shelf (is, are) dusty.
10. Even though the students like the class, a few (thinks, think) that it is too complicated.

F. Choose the correct verb in each sentence below.

1. The price of these jeans reasonable. (is/are)
2. The books borrowed from the library..... on my desk. (is/are)
3. The boy who won the two medals..... a friend of mine. (is/are)
4. Bread and butterour daily food. (is/are)
5. The famous singer and composerarrived. (is/are)
6. Collecting match-boxesone of his favourite pastimes. (is/are)
7. The quality of the candiespoor. (is/are)
8. Neither his father nor his mother mahjong. (plays/play)
9. Neither parentfond of playing mahjong. (is/are)
10. None of my friendsthere. (is/are)
11. Many a student made the same mistake.(has/have)
12. Gold, as well as platinum, recentlyrisen in price. (has/have)
13. The boss, as well as his colleagues,been robbed by the robber. (has/have)
14. Ten tons a heavy load. (is/are)
15. Fifty milesa long distance. (is/are)
16. Thirty years a long time. (is/are)
17. One of the booksbeen missing. (has/have)
18. The poorsuffering. (is/are)
19. You should decide which one of the three choices A, B, or Cbest the question. (is/are)
20. One of the most intelligent students who..... full marks John. (Score/scores)
21. The only one of these most intelligent students who..... under 18Peter. (is/are)

G. Use the correct verb in each sentence below

1. The use of vitamin supplements and herbs (be) ___ becoming increasingly popular among Americans.
2. While many studies claim that vitamins and herbs can improve health, there (be) ___ a lot of controversy about their safety.
3. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) (do) ___ not regulate vitamins and herbs.
4. Most experts (believe) ___ that herbal supplements are mild and somewhat harmless.
5. Still, anyone who (take) ___ too much of a vitamin or herb could suffer negative side effects.
6. For example, some medical problems (have) ___ been linked to overuse of ephedra, an herb taken by people to lose weight.
7. Some research (suggest) ___ that Vitamin C may help prevent cancer.
8. People who (take) ___ more than 1,000 milligrams of vitamin C daily may experience diarrhea or kidney stones.
9. Advertisers say that the herb "kava kava" (reduce) ___ anxiety and insomnia.
10. Using large amounts of kava kava (be) ___ not wise as muscle, eye or skin problems could result.
11. The danger of long-term use of vitamins and herbs (be) ___ still unknown.
12. There (be) ___ a lot of evidence that vitamin-rich foods are beneficial.
13. However, whether the use of supplements (be) ___ helpful or not is still being debated.
14. Most people (be) ___ able to get all the vitamins they need in the foods they eat.
15. A daily diet that (contain) ___ foods from the 4 groups should supply all the nutrients a person needs.
16. Eating 5 servings of fruits and vegetables daily (be) ___ said to provide all the essential vitamins we require.
17. The best way to get the necessary vitamins and minerals (be) ___ naturally, through a healthy diet.
18. Talking to your doctor before taking supplements (be) ___ advisable.