

Making Subjects and Verbs Agree

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 B. were
2. Crossing guards _____ people cross the street.
 A. helps
 B. help
3. The cost of repairs and maintenance _____ recently.
 A. has increased
 B. have increased
4. A trailer, along with three pickup trucks, _____ parked in the lot.
 A. is
 B. are
5. The nightcrawlers under the ground _____ out when it rains.
 A. comes
 B. come
6. The electrician, as well as the plumbers and carpenters, _____ late.
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Part 2 Using Verbs That Agree with Compound Subjects

Choose the verb that agrees with the subject in each sentence. (4 points each)

7. Neither the actors nor the director _____ the script.
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 B. have
8. Both the potato salad and the watermelon _____ gone.
 A. is
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9. Either the door or the windows _____ air.
 A. leaks
 B. leak
10. Both a movie and a TV show _____ made on that subject.
 A. was
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11. Either football or chess _____ me.
 A. challenges
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Part 3 Making Verbs Agree with Indefinite Pronouns

Choose the verb that agrees with the subject in each sentence. (5 points each)

12. Most of those shows _____ reruns.
 A. is
 B. are
13. Neither of the drivers _____ hurt, but both cars were demolished.
 A. was
 B. were
14. Each of the packages to be mailed _____ eight ounces.
 A. weighs
 B. weigh
15. All of the ice for the ice sculptures _____ melted in the warm sun.
 A. has
 B. have
16. None of the cold air _____ reaching the living room.
 A. is
 B. are
17. Some of the animals _____ fighting.
 A. is
 B. are

Part 4 Solving Other Agreement Problems

Choose the verb that agrees with the subject in each sentence. (4 points each)

18. _____ the special bus to the fairground stop at the corner?
 A. Doesn't
 B. Don't
19. _____ there a flight of stairs or a ladder to the attic in your house?
 A. Is
 B. Are
20. The news about the stock market _____ good today.
 A. is
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21. Two dollars _____ a lot of money in the 1950's.
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