
SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT. MATCHING SENTENCE PARTS

I. CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER TO EACH QUESTION.

1. The American slogan for Salem cigarettes, “Salem-Feeling Free,” _____ translated into the Japanese market as “When smoking Salem, you will feel so refreshed that your mind _____ to be free and empty.”
(a) Was, seems
(b) Was, seem
(c) Were, seem
(d) Were, seems

2. Frank Perdue’s chicken slogan, “It takes a strong man to make a tender chicken,” _____ translated into Spanish as “It _____ an aroused man to make a chicken affectionate.”
(a) Were, takes
(b) Were, take
(c) Was, takes
(d) Was, take

3. I had a linguistics professor who said that it’s man’s ability to use language that _____ him the dominant species on the planet. That may be. But I think there’s one other thing that _____ us from animals. We aren’t afraid of vacuum cleaners. —Jeff Stilson
(a) Make, separate
(b) Make, separates
(c) Makes, separate
(d) Makes, separates

4. According to the national average: Once someone _____ an elevator button, 58 seconds will pass before they will _____ it again. In New York, it’s 11 seconds.
(a) Push, push
(b) Push, pushes
(c) Pushes, push
(d) Pushes, pushes

5. If police arrest a mime, do they _____ him he _____ the right to remain silent?
(a) Tell, have
(b) Tell, has
(c) Tells, has
(d) Tells, have

6. I’ve learned that it _____ years to build up trust and only seconds to destroy _____.
(a) Takes, them
(b) Takes, it
(c) Take, them
(d) Take, it

7. I've learned that either you _____ your attitude or it _____ you.

- (a) Control, controls
- (b) Control, control
- (c) Controls, control
- (d) Controls, controls

8. I've learned that our background and circumstances may have influenced who we _____, but we are responsible for who we _____

- (a) Is, become
- (b) Is, becomes
- (c) Are, becomes
- (d) Are, become

9. I've learned that credentials on the wall do not _____ you a decent human being.

- (a) Made
- (b) Makes
- (c) Make
- (d) Making

10. Up to 3,000 species of trees _____ been cataloged in one square mile of the Amazon jungle.

- (a) Is
- (b) Was
- (c) Has
- (d) Have

II. UNDERLINE THE CORRECT VERB

1. A theory of physics **ascertains/ ascertain** that a body in motion stays in motion.
2. A virus in all the company's computers **is/ are** a real threat to security.
3. All of the chicken **is/ are** gone.
4. All of the chickens **is/ are** gone.
5. Anybody **is/ are** more fun than you.
6. Both **is/ are** qualified for the job.
7. Corned beef and cabbage **is/ are** a traditional meal in Ireland.
8. Each of us **eat/eats** one cookie.
9. Each **gets/ get** a trophy for playing.
10. Either Grandpa or my sisters **is/ are** going to the park.
11. Either Jessica or Christian **is/ are** to blame for the accident
12. Either my sisters or Grandpa **is/ are** going to the park.
13. Either the bears or the lion **has/have** escaped from the zoo.
14. Every cat **love/loves** when I pet them.
15. Everybody **wants/ want** to be loved.
16. Everybody **enjoys/ enjoy** a good book.

17. Few know what it really **takes/ take** to get ahead.
18. Few **was/ were** left alive after the flood.
19. Four quarts of oil **was/ were** required to get the car running.
20. Here **is/ are** the papers you requested.
21. I **want/wants** a burrito.
22. Most of the cookies **was/ were** eaten.
23. My art teacher **prefer/prefers** paintings that use a lot of colors.
24. My dad **want/wants** me to come straight home after band practice.
25. My mom or dad **is/ are** coming to the play.
26. Neither gray nor white **is/ are** my favorite color.
27. Neither my dad nor my brothers **knows/ know** how to ski.
28. Neither the size nor the colour of the envelopes (are/is) correct.
29. Neither the lion nor the bears **has/ have** escaped from the zoo.
30. Not only dogs but also cats **is/ are** available at the animal shelter.
31. Nothing **has/ have** been determined yet.
32. Our family members **is/are** ready for another road trip.
33. Pepperoni and cheese **is/ are** great on a pizza.
34. Please don't **yell/yells** in the library.
35. Several people **is/ are** already on location.
36. She and I **drive/drives** home together after school.
37. Some sugar **is/ are** required for taste.
38. Something **feel/ feels** very wrong here.
39. Standing in the water **were/ was** a bad idea.
40. Sugar and flour **is/are** needed for the recipe.
41. Swimming in the ocean and playing drums **is/ are** my hobbies.
42. Ten minutes **is/ are** enough time to get there.
43. The burrito **was/were** not very good.
44. The causes of this prevalent disease **is/ are** bad diet and lack of exercise.
45. The colors of the rainbow **is/ are** beautiful.
46. The committee **meets/ meet** here every Thursday.
47. The couch and chair I got at the store **look/ looks** really nice in here.
48. The creator and producer **is/ are** arriving soon.
49. The crowd **is/ are** getting angry.
50. The dog, who is chewing on my jeans, **is/ are** usually very good.
51. The jury **has/ have** finally reached a decision.
52. The majority **rules/ rule** most of the time.
53. The members of the choir **is/ are** very happy with the performance.

- 54. The staff **has/ have** gone their separate ways for the holidays
- 55. There **is/ are** a problem with the balance sheet.
- 56. There **is/are** some dogs outside barking at a tree.
- 57. Where **is/ are** the key I left on the desk?
- 58. Where **is/ are** the pieces of this puzzle?

III. CORRECT ALL ERRORS IN AGREEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS.

a) Two people left a 15-mile-long trail of doughnuts after they tooks a donut truck from a parking lot and fled, police said Thursday. The truck were parked at a convenience store with its rear doors open and its engine running while a deliveryman carried doughnuts inside, said a S1ide11 police spokesman. Two suspects hopped in the truck and sped off to the nearby town of Lacombe, with doughnuts spilling out along the way, he said. They abandoned the truck when they was spotted by police responding to reports of a dangerous driver who were losing his doughnuts. A passenger were captured, but the driver, whose name were not released, ran away.

Their motive for taking the truck filled with donuts were unclear.

“I don’t know if it were a need for transportation or if they just had the munchies,” the police said.

b) A wife are complaining about her husband spending all his time at the local tavern, so one night he take her along with him.

“What’ll ya have?” he ask.

“Oh, I don’t know. The same as you, I suppose,” she reply.

So the husband order a couple of Jack Daniels and gulp his down in one go.

His wife watch him, then take a sip from her glass and immediately spit it out. “Yuck, it tastes awful, worse than awful!” she splutter. “I don’t know how you can drink this stuff!”

“Well, there you goes,” cry the husband. “And you thinks I’m out enjoying myself every night!”