

SUBJECT VERB AGREEMENT: USING THERE + BE AND SOME IRREGULARITIES (CHAPTER 5-5 & 5-6)

Directions: Choose the correct verb, singular or plural, for each subject.

1. There *is, are* a glass on the table.
2. There *is, are* some glasses on the table.
3. Why *isn't, aren't* there any whiteboards in the classroom?
4. Why *isn't, aren't* there any chalk for the blackboard?
5. States *is, are* political units.
6. The Netherlands *is, are* in Europe.
7. The news on that website *is, are* biased.
8. Physics *is, are* an important area of study.
9. Mumps *is, are* a kind of illness. Diabetes *is, are* another kind of illness. Rabies *is, are* a disease you can get from being bitten by an infected animal.
10. Fifty meters *isn't, aren't* a long distance to travel by car.
11. Ten minutes *isn't, aren't* too long to wait.
12. Six and five *is, are* eleven.
13. Some people *is, are* interesting.
14. Spanish *is, are* a common language.
15. The poor in my country *is, are* given free medical care.

SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT

Directions: Choose the correct completion for each sentence.

1. Nearly 50 percent of the people in our town never *votes, vote* in the elections.
2. A number of students *has, have* studied abroad.
3. The number of students who understood the last question on the quiz *was, were* very low.
4. Every one of the men and women at this university *knows, know* what to do if they detect any acts of violence.
5. *Isn't, Aren't* Spanish spoken in Brazil?
6. A lot of Brazilians *speaks and understands, speak and understand* Spanish.
7. Why *is, are* the police standing over there?
8. Why *does, do* most of the television networks broadcast at the same hour?
9. Some of the most important magazines for my essay *is, are* not available at the local library.
10. There *has, have* been times when I have seriously contemplated quitting school.
11. Not one of the men in my office *has, have* received a promotion in the last two years. All of the promotions *has, have* gone to women. We should speak to the branch manager, Mr. Post.
12. The news on the radio and TV networks *warn, warns* that a serious blizzard is approaching our city.
13. History *is, are* fascinating. Physics *is, are* fascinating.

14. Physics and history *is, are* my favorite subjects.
15. By law, every man, woman, and child *is, are* guaranteed the right to free speech.
16. *Isn't, Aren't* grapes and oranges the leading crops in California?
17. Why *is, are* there a shortage of certified school teachers at the present time?
18. How many states in the United States *starts, start* with the letter "M?"
19. The United States *has, have* 50 states.
20. What places in the world *has, have* no spiders?
21. Statistics *is, are* a constant source of interest to me.
22. *Was, Were* there ever any doubt in your mind about the outcome of the election?