

Subject-Verb Agreement A

EXERCISE A In each of the following sentences, underline the verb in parentheses that agrees in number with its subject.

Example 1. Neither Renata nor her sister (is, are) going to the dance on Friday night.

1. Two of our cats and our dog (*were*, *was*) presents from my uncle and aunt.
2. Not one of our animals (*is*, *are*) very well-behaved.
3. The colors in that painting (*appears*, *appear*) particularly vibrant in this light.
4. My cousin and I usually (*ride*, *rides*) bikes on Saturday.
5. Which one of these sweaters (*go*, *goes*) with this pair of pants?
6. Both the park near the river and the baseball field (*is*, *are*) owned by the city.
7. Either James or Nigel (*come*, *comes*) from Australia.
8. (*Have*, *Has*) either of them ever visited New Zealand?
9. None of the children (*remembers*, *remember*) all of his or her telephone number.
10. My class (*is*, *are*) studying the formation of rivers and lakes.

EXERCISE B In each of the following sentences, cross out any verb that does not agree with its subject, and write the correct form of the verb above the incorrect form. If all the verbs in a sentence are correct, write C above the sentence.

Example 1. Either Jessica or Kai ^{practices} ~~practice~~ piano for two hours every day.

11. You must be thinking about Jessica; Kai plays the violin.
12. How do she find the time to practice that much?
13. Both she and her brother wakes up early every morning to practice.
14. Do her brother play an instrument, too?
15. He takes violin lessons with Kai, but he also enjoys practicing with his sister.
16. Neither Jessica nor her brother mind the practice time.
17. One of their grandmothers—their mother’s mother—are a professor of music at the university.
18. The whole family, including their other brother and both parents, have musical talent.
19. Have either Jessica or anyone else in her family ever played in public?
20. None of them play professionally, but all of them belong to music groups.