

Subject - Verb Agreement Practice

NAME _____ Group _____

Instructions: Choose the correct verb for each sentence. Pay close attention to the subject and its agreement with the verb.

Rule 1: Subjects and verbs must agree in number.

1. The baby _____ loudly every night.
A) cry B) cries
2. The dogs _____ in the backyard.
A) plays B) play
3. She _____ a great singer.
A) is B) are
4. The boys _____ soccer after school.
A) play B) plays
5. My sister _____ in New York.
A) live B) lives

Rule 2: The pronoun “you” always takes a plural verb.

6. You _____ always so kind.
A) is B) are
7. You _____ to finish your homework.
A) needs B) need
8. _____ you going to the store later?
A) Are B) Is
9. You _____ welcome to join us last week.
A) were B) was

10. You ____ very patient with those kids.
A) was B) were

Rule 3: Sentences beginning with "here" or "there".

11. There ____ a book on the table.
A) is B) are
12. Here ____ your keys.
A) is B) are
13. There ____ many people at the party.
A) is B) are
14. Here ____ the documents you asked for.
A) is B) are
15. There ____ a strange sound outside.
A) is B) are

Rule 4: Either/or and neither/nor — verb agrees with the nearer subject.

16. Either the students or the teacher ____ in charge.
A) are B) is
17. Neither the cake nor the cookies ____ ready.
A) is B) are
18. Either my brothers or my sister ____ picking me up.
A) is B) are
19. Neither the dog nor the cats ____ hungry.
A) is B) are
20. Either the teacher or the students ____ late.
A) is B) are

Rule 5: Singular subject + “with/as well as/in addition to” = singular verb.

21. The teacher, as well as her students, ____ excited.
A) is B) are
22. My brother, with all his friends, ____ coming over.
A) is B) are
23. The manager, in addition to the workers, ____ responsible.
A) are B) is
24. The dog, as well as the cats, ____ hungry.
A) are B) is
25. The chef, along with his assistants, ____ preparing the meal.
A) is B) are

Rule 6: Two singular subjects joined by "and" = plural verb (except one item).

26. Tom and Jerry ____ famous cartoon characters.
A) is B) are
27. Spaghetti and meatballs ____ my favorite meal.
A) is B) are
28. My mom and dad ____ visiting tomorrow.
A) is B) are
29. Bread and butter ____ served at breakfast.
A) is B) are
30. The singer and the guitarist ____ performing together.
A) is B) are

Rule 7: Two singular subjects joined by either/or or neither/nor = singular verb.

31. Either John or the twins ____ responsible.
A) is B) are
32. Neither the teacher nor the student ____ late.
A) is B) are
33. Either a pen or a pencil ____ needed.
A) is B) are
34. Neither the cat nor the dog ____ allowed inside.
A) is B) are
35. Either my phone or my tablets ____ broken.
A) is B) are

Rule 8: Singular subject + plural phrase = singular verb.

36. The sound of the bells ____ beautiful.
A) is B) are
37. The title of the books ____ confusing.
A) is B) are
38. The leaders of the teams ____ very young.
A) is B) are
39. The managers of companies ____ strict.
A) is B) are
40. The flavor of these chips ____ strange.
A) is B) are