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Some nouns appear Plural and require singular verbs. Some of these nouns are Mathematics, Civics, Social Studies, Physics, Aids, Mumps and Measles.

- 1) Civics (are, is) the next subject on the timetable.
- 2) My favourite subject at school (is, are) Physics.
- 3) (Do, Does) measles cause a rash on the skin?
- 4) Mathematics (require, requires) a high pass mark.

Length requires a singular verb.

- 5) (Are, Is) forty-five metres of rope enough?
- 6) How far (is, are) five metres from the table?
- 7) The hundred metres (ends, end) by the tree.
- 8) The ten kilometres (has, have) finished already.

Time requires a singular verb.

- 9) Six months (is, are) too long to wait for it to finish.
- 10) The recipe says ten minutes (bakes, bake) the tarts golden brown.
- 11) Even a few days in prison (changes, change) some deviants.
- 12) Three weeks in Hawaii (captivate, captivates) anyone.

Weight requires a singular verb.

- 13) Five kilograms of flour (bakes, bake) ten cakes.
- 14) Ten kilograms (was, were) the maximum weight of a parcel.
- 15) (Does, Do) twenty-five grams make a tasty dressing?
- 16) The fifty-four kilos (are, is) in the bag.

Money requires a singular verb.

- 17) He said ninety dollars (is, are) not sufficient for his shoes.
- 18) Fifty cents (is, are) on the table for your snack.
- 19) Ten dollars (buy, buys) me a pencil, eraser and four books.
- 20) One million dollars (makes, make) many people play Lotto.

Two singular nouns joined by 'and' to form a single unit require a singular verb.

- 21) The rice and stew (is, are) served with salads.
- 22) A bread and fish (was, were) all that I wanted.
- 23) Macaroni and cheese (is, are) a nutritious dish.
- 24) Coucou and flying fish (is, are) sold and Bridgetown market.

- 25) (Is, Are) bread and butter rich in protein and carbohydrates?
- 26) (Was, Were) pudding and souse on the menu for the party?
- 27) Rice and peas (is, are) cooked on Sundays.

A singular subject (noun or pronoun) joined by phrases as, together with, along with, accompanied by etc. require a singular verb.

- 28) Daisy accompanied by her four children (go, goes) to church every Sunday.
- 29) The teacher along with six pupils (is, are) checking the books.
- 30) The boy, together with all his friends (rides, ride) to school every day.
- 31) Sherry, along with Trena, (attend, attends) Christian fellowship.
- 32) The boy, together with his friends, (was, were) in the park.
- 33) Carl, unlike Jason, (like, likes) to play basketball.
- 34) Her last son, like her other children, (goes, go) to college.
- 35) The secretary together with her co-workers (exercises, exercise) every day.

Two nouns or pronouns connected by 'either...or', 'neither...nor' require a singular or plural verb depending on if the noun/pronoun closest to the verb is singular or plural.

- 36) Either he or she (know, knows) about the class.
- 37) Neither the farmer nor his daughters (plants, plant) lovely flowers.
- 38) Either the rain or the hot sun (stops, stop) the game.
- 39) Neither the principal nor the teachers (is, are) here.
- 40) Either Tom or Jerry (was, were) running around the house.

Expressions such as – not one of, each of, no one, everyone of, neither of, either of etc take a singular verb.

- 41) Either one of the players (is, are) in the backcourt.
- 42) Not one of the nurses (was, were) aware of the situation.
- 43) (Is, Are) either of the boys going to the library?
- 44) Either of the two technicians (is, are) good for the job.
- 45) Each of the vehicles (need, needs) tyres.
- 46) Every one of the packages (was, were) on time.

Words such as each, one, somebody, someone, everyone, everybody, nobody etc take a singular verb.

- 47) In the class everybody (make, makes) an effort.
- 48) Each person (requires, require) copies of the test.
- 49) None of my friends (was, were) invited to the wedding.
- 50) Everything inside the bags (was, were) in place.