

Subject-Verb Agreement: Quantifiers & Fractions

EXPLANATION & EXAMPLES:

When the subject includes a ****quantifier or fraction****, the verb agrees with the noun that follows it.

Examples:

- Half of the students ****are**** here. (students = plural)
- Half of the cake ****is**** gone. (cake = singular)
- A number of people ****are**** waiting.
- The number of people ****is**** small.
- 25% of the water ****is**** clean.
- 25% of the bottles ****are**** empty.

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. Half of the students _____ (is / are) from Mexico.
2. Two-thirds of the cake _____ (was / were) eaten at the party.
3. Most of the water _____ (is / are) gone.
4. A lot of my friends _____ (has / have) pets at home.
5. Some of the furniture _____ (is / are) very old.
6. Only 25% of the population _____ (vote / votes) in local elections.
7. None of the cookies _____ (was / were) left after lunch.
8. A number of the employees _____ (was / were) promoted last year.
9. The number of accidents _____ (is / are) decreasing each year.
10. Half of the money _____ (belong / belongs) to you.