

ENGLISH GRAMMAR**Module 2: SUBJECT – VERB AGREEMENT****Exercise 1: Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets.**

1. Five dollars (be) too much to pay for that book.
2. It (be) ... my two brothers who (be)..... hurt.
3. Neither of the answers (be) correct.
4. Neither (be) to blame.
5. Everybody (have) a good time.
6. John or his brothers (be) going to help me.
7. Bread and butter (be) all he asked for.
8. The author and lecturer (be) arriving today.
9. My old friend and colleague, George (be) in town.
10. The pen and paper (be) on the desk.
11. Jim and Joe (be) roommates.
12. The boxes of candy (be) on the table.
13. The package of cigarettes (be) on the table.
14. Some of the sugar (was/were) spilt on the floor.
15. There (be) plenty of time.
16. I, your master, (command) you.
17. My wife, not my friends, (wait) for me.
18. Early to bed and early to rise (make) a man healthy, wealthy and wise.
19. Either the mayor or the eldermen (be) to blame.
20. Not John but his brothers (be) to blame.
21. A cart and horse (was/were) seen at a distance.
22. Her principal anxiety (be) her children.
23. Nobody but John and William (be) there.
24. The girl, as well as the boys, (have)..... learnt to ride.
25. The bat together with the ball (be)..... stolen.
26. The newspaper and the dictionary (be) on the table.
27. The ship with its load of timber (be) leaving the port today.
28. No one (be) eager to be examined the 1st.
29. It (be) her lies that (irritate) me so much.
30. Three fourths of the wall (be) painted.
31. Two fifths of the members (be) present.
32. Two times two (make) four.
33. Twenty years (be) not a long period of time in human history.

34. Five dimes (make) fifty cents.
35. Five dollars (be) a small sum.
36. "The three Musketeers" (be) written by Alexandre Dumas.
37. You don't have to say much, a word or two (be) sufficient.
38. These (be) one or two things I'd like to talk over with you.
39. The number of new books in our library (be) ever growing.
40. A number of new books in our library (be) displayed at the book show.
41. Our only guide (be) stars.
42. There (be) a lot of traffic on this road.
43. (be) the tweezers in this drawer?
44. (be) the news on at five or six?
45. Every one of those books (be) fiction.
46. What percentage of the people in the world (be)..... illiterate?
47. Statistics (be)..... a branch of mathematics.
48. The statistics in that report on oil production (be)..... incorrect.
49. The police (be)..... prepared in case there is a riot.
50. The poor (be)..... helped by government programs.

☺ Exercise 2: Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. The news about Mr Hogan (be) _____ surprising.
2. Fifty minutes (be) _____ the maximum length of the time allowed for the exam.
3. Many people in the world (not have) _____ enough food to eat.
4. The poor (need) _____ help from the community.
5. Listening to loud music at rock concerts (cause) _____ hearing loss in some teenagers these days.
6. There (be) _____ a lot of sheep in the field.
7. Ten miles (be) _____ too far to walk.
8. Not only John but also his friends (want) _____ to buy this race horse.
9. A number of students (recently participate) _____ in intensive language programs abroad.
10. Sarah, along with 20 students, (plan) _____ a party now.
11. The number of students who (withdraw) _____ from class since the term began (be) _____ quite high.
12. There (be) at least one window in every room.
13. A lot of students in my class (speak) _____ and (understand) _____ Spanish.
14. The trousers Lan's bought (not, go) _____ best with her shirt.
15. The information she gave me (be not) _____ valuable.

16. The number of days in a week (be) _____ seven.
17. Either you or he (have) _____ to do the task.
18. Two years without a job (be) _____ too long to be.
19. Every girl and boy (be) _____ required to have certain immunizations before enrolling in public school.
20. Neither of John's parents (be) _____ English.
21. Annie and her brothers (be) _____ at school.
22. Either the CEO or the managers (be) _____ coming to the meeting.
23. The dog or the cats (be) _____ outside.
24. The effects of cigarette smoking (prove) _____ to be extremely harmful.
25. "The use of credit card in place of cash (increase) _____ rapidly in recent years.
26. It is disconcerting to believe that every possible candidate (reject) _____ for one reason or another.
27. If nobody (buy) _____ that car from the dealer, then you should return and make another offer.
28. The man with all the birds (live) _____ on my street.
29. The movie, including all the previews, (take) _____ about two hours to watch.
30. The players, as well as the captain, (want) _____ to win.
31. Either answer (be) _____ acceptable.
32. If the duties of these officers (not reduce) _____, there will not be enough time to finish the project.
33. Mathematics (be) _____ John's favorite subject, while Civics (be) _____ Andrea's favorite subject.
34. The levels of intoxication (vary) _____ from the subject to subject.
35. Your pants (be) _____ at the cleaner's.
36. There (be) _____ fifteen candies in that bag. Now there (be) _____ only one left!
37. The committee (be) _____ responsible for debating these questions carefully.
38. The committee (lead) _____ very different lives in private.
39. The Prime Minister, together with his wife, (greet) _____ the press cordially.
40. All of the CDs, even the scratched one, (be) _____ in this case.
41. Mr. Jones, accompanied by several members of the committee, (propose) _____ some changes of the rules.
42. Man, no less than the lower forms of life, (be) _____ a product of the evolutionary process.
43. You don't have to say much, a word or two (be) _____ sufficient.

44. At least three-quarters of that book on famous Americans (be) _____ about people who lived in the 19th century
45. The extent of Jane's knowledge on various complex subjects (astound) _____ me.
46. The subjects you will be studying in this course (list) _____ in the syllabus.
47. Only the black Widow spider, or all of the spiders in the United States, (cause) _____ death among human being.
48. Living expenses in this country, as well as in many others, (be) _____ at an all time high.
49. Annie had a hard time when she was coming home from the store because the bag of groceries (be) _____ too heavy for her to carry.
50. There (be) _____ a blue pen and a yellow notebook on Sue's book.

Exercise 3: Complete the extracts from news articles with a singular or plural form of the verbs.

1. The outskirts of our cities (have) _____ benefited from the new out-of-town shopping centers that _____ (have) recently been built. Around a third of the population regularly _____ (shop) out of town.
2. On average, 25 liters of water _____ (be) used each day per household and as the population _____ (expect) higher living standards, this figure will rise.
3. Some 30% of the office space in London _____ (be) presently empty and the Department for Employment _____ (blame) high property prices.
4. Three centimeters _____ (be) all that separated the 1st two runners in last night's 10,000 meter and the sports club _____ (declared) the race a dead-heat.
5. The research group now _____ (admit) that the criteria they used _____ (be) not totally reliable, and that figure of 85% _____ (be) exaggerated.
6. Following last week's major art theft from the Arcon Art gallery, the premises _____ (be) searched by police last night and the owner's belongings _____ (have) been taken away for further inspection.
7. A survey of the opinions of students _____ (show) that economics _____ (be) the least popular university subject. However, 90% of the economics students surveyed _____ (believe) that their courses are well taught.
8. Sufferers from diabetes _____ (have) welcomed that launch by Federex of a new drug to combat the disease. The company _____ (say) that earnings from the drug _____ (be) to be put back into further research.

Exercise 4: Find and correct the mistake among the underlined parts A, B, C and D.

1. Each of the rooms have its own bathroom.
2. Everybody who have a fever must go home immediately.

3. Twenty five dollars are all I can afford to pay for this recorder.
4. All of the windows in my house was broken in the earthquake.
5. The actress, along with her manager and some friends, are going to the party.
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6. The unemployed really needs to be given more help.
- 7: I'd like to go on a holiday, but I haven't got many money.
- 8: Peter earned a large number of money last year.
9. The professor together with his three students have been called to court.
10. To learn foreign languages are necessary for us to have a good job.
11. The police is asking him a lot of questions which he can't answer.
12. Life is not easy for those who is without jobs.
13. The Chinese is very famous for their food.
14. All the books on the top shelf belongs to me.
15. One of the biggest problems facing our society are unemployment.
16. A few of the audience is enjoying every minute of the performance.
17. How you got there do not concern me.
18. Either you or the headmaster are handing the prizes to these gifted students at the meeting.
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19. Happiness and success depends on your ability and luck.
20. Neither his parents nor his teacher are satisfied with his result when he was at high school.
21. Working provide people with personal satisfaction as well as money.
22. One hundreds eight thousand miles is the speed of light.
23. Five thousand pounds were stolen from the bank.
24. The loss of her husband and two of her sons were too much for her.
25. David and his brother was indicted yesterday on charges of grand theft.

☺ **Exercise 5: Correct the sentences if necessary. Check (✓) any that are already correct**

1. The Chinese has an interesting history.
2. English is one of the most popular language in the world.
3. The scissors on the table is my sister's.
4. Linguistics is my major field of study
5. There are good furniture in this showroom.
6. The cattle is grazing in the meadow.
7. The interrogation, conducted by the police officers, have lasted for several hours
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8. The tenants in the apartment next to mine is giving a party this evening.

9. The president, surrounded by secret service agents, is trying to make his way to the podium.
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10. The buildings destroyed during the fire are being rebuilt at the taxpayers' expense.
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11. 20 percent of the forest have been destroyed lately.
12. The witnesses saw that most of the fire in the hills was extinguished.
13. Some of the animals from the zoo was released into the animals preserve.....
14. All of the students in the class taught by Professor Roberts is required to turn in their term papers next Monday.
15. Half of the food that we are serving to the guests are still in the refrigerator.
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16. We believe that some of the employees is going to be devoted to quality control.
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17. It is impossible to believe that somebody actually admire that man.
18. Each of the doctors in the building needs to have a separate reception area.....
19. The president felt that no one were better suited for the position of chief staff advisor.
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20. Everybody participating in the fund-raiser are to turn in the tickets by 8.00.
21. Daisy was the only one of those girls that get the scholarship.
22. Current research on AIDS, in spite of the best efforts of hundreds of scientists, leave serious questions unanswered.
23. The students and instructors each hopes for a new facility by next year.
24. Rice and beans, my favorite dish, remind me of my native Puerto Rico.
25. Carlos is the only one of those students who have lived up to the potential described in the yearbook.

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