208 *Underline the correct verb form.*

1 Mathematics is/are my favourite subject.
2 Wood come/comes from trees.
3 The news was/were interesting this evening.
4 Her advice was/were useful.
5 Your furniture is/are so tasteful.
6 Tennis is/are a game played by 2 or 4 people.
7 Butter contain/contains a lot of fat.
8 The scissors cut/cuts really well.
9 Your hair is/are so shiny.
10 Japanese is/are difficult to learn.
11 Most people is/are worried about the future.
12 Children usually like/likes sweet things.
13 This company has/have six branches.
14 That jewellery really suit/suits you.
15 Water is/are necessary for survival.
16 My luggage was/were lost by the airline.
17 Measles is/are infectious.
18 This machinery is/are very noisy.
19 £300 is/are too much to spend on that dress.
20 Your scales is/are not very accurate.

209 *Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets.*



1 The people of Africa ...*believe*... (believe) in various religions.
2 20 years ..... (be) a long time to spend in prison for theft.
3 The staircase ..... (be) too steep for my grandmother to climb.
4 Cathay Pacific ..... (be) an Asian airline.
5 Happiness ..... (be) the key to success.
6 Flu ..... (make) you feel miserable.
7 A loaf of bread ..... (cost) more now than it did ten years ago.
8 I think olive oil ..... (add) a lot of flavour to cooking.
9 The committee ..... (meet) every Wednesday in the boardroom.
10 It is said that lightning never ..... (strike) in the same place twice.
11 My favourite pyjamas ..... (be) the ones with red and white stripes.
12 All the members of staff ..... (get) together in the staff room.
13 Some people think French ..... (sound) so romantic.
14 There ..... (be) too much sugar in my tea.
15 Physics ..... (involve) a lot of theoretical study.
16 Gravity ..... (pull) things towards the centre of the Earth.
17 Good looks ..... (be) all you need to be a model.
18 A crew of over five people ..... (work) in most commercial aeroplanes.
19 Decorating a house ..... (be) a lot of trouble.
20 Your trousers ..... (go) nicely with this blue top.

1 Chemistry are/is my least favourite subject.
2 Your bathroom scales is/are not very accurate.
3 £2000 is/are far too expensive for that stereo.
4 Table-tennis is/are sometimes referred to as ping-pong.
5 The police is/are coming to the rescue.
6 Paper is/are made from wood.
7 Children likes/like playing games.
8 The scissors don't/doesn't work very well.
9 These trousers is/are terribly unflattering.
10 Education are/is considered to be very important by almost everyone.
11 Most people worry/worries about the effect of pollution on the environment.
12 Water is/are necessary for plants to grow.
13 When I'm ill my hair becomes/become greasy.
14 The rubbish has/have been taken away.
15 The information is/are inaccurate.
16 Binoculars is/are needed to see that far.
17 His luggage was/were left on the platform.
18 The stairs is/are very dangerous.
19 Mumps is/are contagious.
20 The news was/were unexpected.
21 His experience of travel is/are limited.

197 *Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.*

1 The water in this lake ...*looks*.. (look) very clean.
2 Making mistakes ..... (be) only natural.
3 Maths ..... (not/interest) me very much.
4 All of our furniture ..... (be) brand new.
5 Sugar ..... (damage) your teeth.
6 Snow rarely ..... (fall) in this part of the country.
7 The applause ..... (be) very loud.
8 The news they brought us ..... (be) good.
9 Your trousers ..... (not/match) your shirt.
10 The team ..... (discuss) strategy before every game.



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