

## UNIT 4

# SUBJECT - VERB AGREEMENT

### LESSON PREPARATION

#### 1. Choose the correct form of the verbs.

1. Fortunately, the news (wasn't/ weren't) as bad as we had expected.
2. The police (wants/ want) to interview Fred about a robbery.
3. John, along with twenty friends, (is/ are) planning a party.
4. The picture of the soldiers (bring/ brings) back a lot of memories.
5. Skating (is/ are) becoming more popular every day.
6. If the duties of these officers (isn't/ aren't) reduced, there will not be enough time to finish the project.
7. There (was/were) some people at the meeting last night.

#### 2. Find the words in exercise 1 to fill in the box.

English	Pronunciation	Part of speech	Vietnamese
	/ɪk'spekt/	V	Mong đợi
	/rɪ'du:s/	V	Giảm
	/ɪn,tə:ksɪ'keɪʃn/	N	Sự nhiễm độc
	/'ɪntərvju:/	N, V	Phỏng vấn
	/kəm'petətɪv/	Adj	Cạnh tranh
	/'du:ti/	N	Nhiệm vụ
	/,ædvər'taɪzmənt/	N	Quảng cáo

1. Listen and fill in the gaps, then choose the correct answer. (File 1)

1.



- (A) The boy is ..... the girl.
- (B) They are ..... the book.
- (C) The book is on the .....
- (D) The girl is ..... the teacher.

2.



- (A) The birds are on the.....
- (B) The birds are.....
- (C) The ..... are in the.....
- (D) The..... are in a.....

3.



- (A) The men are .....
- (B) The men are .....
- (C) The men are swimming.
- (D) The men are jogging.

4.



- (A) The man is ..... a book.
- (B) The man is sitting on the sofa.
- (C) The man is reading a .....
- (D) The man is at the .....

5.



- (A) The people are standing
- (B) The people are walking
- (C) The people are .....
- (D) The ..... are .....

## HOMEWORK

1. Choose the correct answer, then explain your choice in the right column by writing down proper structures or translating.

Question	Explanation
1. Going on a business trip three times a month ..... too frequent. (A) were (B) be (C) are (D) is	
2. The displayed furniture ..... not for sale. (A) have (B) has (C) is (D) are	
3. A number of people ..... been laid off in the last two years. (A) have (B) has (C) had (D) will have	
4. Most of the information ..... not reliable. (A) were (B) was (C) are (D) being	
5. The directors and the sales representatives ..... on a business trip every month. (A) going (B) goes (C) go (D) is going	

## 2. Choose the correct answer.

Dear Mr. Rosenberg,

A number of the workers in the factory (1) ..... off lately. That will have a bad effect on the rest of the workers in our company. Some of them (2) ..... already quit their jobs. Therefore, we suggest that you hold a meeting to explain the financial situation of the company. This will help the employees want to keep working here.

1.

- (A) has been
- (B) have been
- (C) is
- (D) are

2.

- (A) have
- (B) had
- (C) has
- (D) having

## 3. Read the text and choose the correct answer.

Questions 1-3 refer to the following text.

### Paintbrush Storage Tips

Good paintbrushes can be very expensive, so we here at *Hobby Artist Magazine* have made some suggestions to help keep your paintbrushes in good shape.

First, always clean your brushes right after using them, because some paints have acids that can weaken the brush over time.

Second, clean your brushes with a mild cleaner. We recommend a mixture of one part alcohol and three parts water.

Finally, store your brushes with the tips up. This allows them to dry more quickly.

Remember to keep your paintbrushes in good shape!

1. Who would be most interested in an article like this?

- (A) A mechanic
- (B) A professor
- (C) A surgeon
- (D) A painter

2. What is a good cleaning solution for paintbrushes?

- (A) One part alcohol and three parts of water
- (B) Two parts alcohol and two parts water of
- (C) Water
- (D) Strong chemicals

3. According to the text, how are paintbrushes best stored?

- (A) On their sides
- (B) In a wooden box
- (C) With their tips up
- (D) With their tips down

Questions 4-5 refer to the following receipt.

<b>Siobhan's Toronto, Ontario</b>		
April 14	09:23 a.m.	Dine-in
Order: 55234		Server: Antonio K.
1 Medium Coffee \$2.25		
No sugar		
No milk		
1 Large Coffee \$2.75		
3 sugars		
No milk		
2 Croissants \$4.00		
Subtotal \$9.00		
HST 13% <u>\$1.17</u>		
<b>Total \$10.17</b>		
*****		
Tell us how we did today and get a free medium coffee!		
Just fill out our online survey at <a href="http://www.siobhans.ca/survey">www.siobhans.ca/survey</a> .		
You will be given a code to receive a free medium coffee		
when you buy any regular-priced pastry.		

4. What type of business most likely provided the receipt?


- (A) A caterer
- (B) A vegetable market
- (C) A cafe
- (D) An online retailer

5. How much money can survey participants save?

- (A) \$2.25
- (B) \$2.75
- (C) \$4.00
- (D) \$9.00



Questions 6-7 refer to the following chat discussion.



**Artie Jeffers [5:40 P.M.]**  
Sun Jung, the overhead lights in the conference room are blinking oddly. I called the maintenance hotline, but no one answered. Is anyone from maintenance still in for the day?

**Sun Jung Park [5:41 P.M.]**  
Oh no! We have a meeting there in 20 minutes with the Larkspur executives. Try sending a message to Patty Grant. She is the head of maintenance and usually works late.

**Artie Jeffers [5:45 P.M.]**  
Good news! Patty has already responded. A crew is on the way now to address the problem.

6. Why does Mr. Jeffers write to Ms. Park?

- (A) To schedule a meeting
- (B) To find out whether she can work late
- (C) To ask about staff availability
- (D) To postpone an upcoming event

7. At 5:41 P.M., what does Ms. Park most likely mean when she writes, "Oh no"?

- (A) She did not set up the conference room.
- (B) She cannot find Ms. Grant's phone number.
- (C) She is unable to attend an executive meeting.
- (D) She is concerned about a maintenance issue.