Subject - Verb Agreement Practice

NAME _____ **Group** _____

Instructions: Choose the correct verb for each sentence. Pay close attention to the subject and its agreement with the verb.

Rule 1: Subjects and verbs must agree in number.

1. The baby _____ loudly every night.
   A) cry B) cries

2. The dogs _____ in the backyard.
   A) plays B) play

3. She _____ a great singer.
   A) is B) are

4. The boys _____ soccer after school.
   A) play B) plays

5. My sister ___ in New York.
   A) live B) lives

Rule 2: The pronoun "you" always takes a plural verb.

6. You ___ always so kind.
   A) is B) are

7. You ___ to finish your homework.
   A) needs B) need

8. _____ you going to the store later?
   A) Are B) Is

9. You ___ welcome to join us last week.
   A) were B) was

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10. You ___ very patient with those kids.
A) was B) were

Rule 3: Sentences beginning with "here" or "there".

11. There ___ a book on the table.
A) is B) are

12. Here ___ your keys.
A) is B) are

13. There ___ many people at the party.
A) is B) are

14. Here ___ the documents you asked for.
A) is B) are

15. There ___ a strange sound outside.
A) is B) are

Rule 4: Either/or and neither/nor — verb agrees with the nearer subject.

16. Either the students or the teacher ___ in charge.
A) are B) is

17. Neither the cake nor the cookies ___ ready.
A) is B) are

18. Either my brothers or my sister ___ picking me up.
A) is B) are

19. Neither the dog nor the cats ___ hungry.
A) is B) are

20. Either the teacher or the students ___ late.
A) is B) are

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Rule 5: Singular subject + “with/as well as/in addition to” = singular verb.

21. The teacher, as well as her students, ___ excited.
A) is B) are

22. My brother, with all his friends, ___ coming over.
A) is B) are

23. The manager, in addition to the workers, ___ responsible.
A) are B) is

24. The dog, as well as the cats, ___ hungry.
A) are B) is

25. The chef, along with his assistants, ___ preparing the meal.
A) is B) are

Rule 6: Two singular subjects joined by "and" = plural verb (except one item).

26. Tom and Jerry ___ famous cartoon characters.
A) is B) are

27. Spaghetti and meatballs ___ my favorite meal.
A) is B) are

28. My mom and dad ___ visiting tomorrow.
A) is B) are

29. Bread and butter ___ served at breakfast.
A) is B) are

30. The singer and the guitarist ___ performing together.
A) is B) are

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Rule 7: Two singular subjects joined by either/or or neither/nor = singular verb.

31. Either John or the twins ___ responsible.
A) is B) are

32. Neither the teacher nor the student ___ late.
A) is B) are

33. Either a pen or a pencil ___ needed.
A) is B) are

34. Neither the cat nor the dog ___ allowed inside.
A) is B) are

35. Either my phone or my tablets ___ broken.
A) is B) are

Rule 8: Singular subject + plural phrase = singular verb.

36. The sound of the bells ___ beautiful.
A) is B) are

37. The title of the books ___ confusing.
A) is B) are

38. The leaders of the teams ___ very young.
A) is B) are

39. The managers of companies ___ strict.
A) is B) are

40. The flavor of these chips ___ strange.
A) is B) are

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