Subject-verb agreement for Grade 6

Practice worksheet - English · Grade 6 · Explain, practise, apply

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Show your working. Answers and explanations follow on a separate page.

For each choice, write the verb and underline the controlling subject. For editing tasks, rewrite the whole sentence. For open tasks, compare the rule rather than copying the sample wording. Try a group of six before revealing the explanations.

1. The puppy near the shoes ___ asleep. Choose is or are.

2. The puppies near the shoe rack ___ asleep. Choose is or are.

3. My sister ___ kites on Sundays. Choose makes or make.

4. I ___ the first clue. Choose has or have.

5. You ___ in the right queue. Choose is or are.

6. The sound of the drums ___ louder now. Choose seems or seem.

7. Ria and her cousin ___ the library together. Choose visits or visit.

8. Every seat in these buses ___ a number. Choose has or have.

9. Someone ___ knocking at the gate. Choose is or are.

10. These scissors ___ safely in their case. Choose belongs or belong.

11. The information on both cards ___ identical. Choose is or are.

12. There ___ a spare helmet in the cupboard. Choose is or are.

13. Correct only the agreement error: My cousins does not need a lift.

14. Correct: Does the bus stops outside the museum?

15. Correct: The captain, along with two players, are checking the net.

16. Keep or correct: The news about the new park is exciting.

17. Correct: Each of the answers have a reason.

18. Correct: The child was excited, and the visitors was curious.

19. Write both forms: The list of activities ___ short. The activities on the list ___ varied. Use is or are.

20. Change to a question: The gardener waters the seedlings.

21. Choose and explain: Either the gate or the doors ___ open. Use is or are.

22. A coach treats the team as one unit. Complete: Our team ___ ready. Then rewrite using team members.

23. Write one sentence whose subject is 'the packet of seeds', then another whose subject is 'the seeds'. Use is or are.

24. Edit both errors: The guide to the caves have a map. Does it shows the entrance?

Answers and explanations

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1. is

Puppy is singular. Shoes is part of the phrase near the shoes and does not control the verb.

2. are

Puppies is plural. The singular phrase shoe rack does not change that.

3. makes

My sister is third-person singular. In this present-simple sentence, make becomes makes.

4. have

I uses have. A subject referring to one person does not always take has.

5. are

You takes are whether it refers to one person or more than one.

6. seems

Sound is the singular head word. Drums belongs to the describing phrase.

7. visit

Two separate people joined by and form a plural subject. They visit.

8. has

Every seat is singular. In these buses gives location; it does not control agreement.

9. is

Someone takes singular agreement. Is is the finite helping verb; knocking does not change.

10. belong

Scissors takes plural agreement here. The present-simple base form is belong.

11. is

Information is uncountable in this use and takes is. Both cards is not the controlling subject.

12. is

A spare helmet is singular. Rewrite as A spare helmet is in the cupboard to check.

13. My cousins do not need a lift.

Cousins is plural, so change does to do. Need stays in its base form.

14. Does the bus stop outside the museum?

Does already carries the third-person singular form. The main verb must be stop.

15. The captain, along with two players, is checking the net.

Along with adds information; it does not join two subjects in the way and does. Captain controls is.

16. Keep the sentence as written.

News takes singular agreement despite its final s. Is is correct.

17. Each of the answers has a reason.

Each is singular. Answers occurs inside the of-phrase.

18. The child was excited, and the visitors were curious.

Child takes was. Visitors is plural and takes were. Unlike most ordinary past verbs, be changes form.

19. is; are

List controls the first verb. Activities controls the second. The same nouns can play different roles in different sentences.

20. Does the gardener water the seedlings?

Gardener is third-person singular, so use does followed by the base form water.

21. are

In this mixed-number either/or construction, the nearer alternative doors is plural. Reversing the alternatives would give Either the doors or the gate is open.

22. Our team is ready. Our team members are ready.

The stated unit meaning supports singular is. In the rewrite, members is explicitly plural and takes are.

23. Example: The packet of seeds is dry. The seeds are tiny.

Other sensible sentences are possible. Check that packet takes is and seeds takes are, and that both sentences make sense.

24. The guide to the caves has a map. Does it show the entrance?

Guide is singular and takes has. Does is followed by the base verb show. Caves does not control the first verb.