



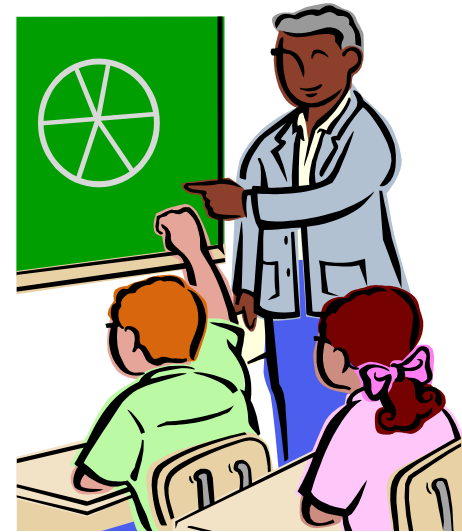
UNIT 1

LECTURE 2

SUBJECT VERB AGREEMENT

13. COLLECTIVE NOUNS USUALLY TAKE A SINGULAR VERB.

- The **herd** is stampeding.
- The **class** was ready for the test.





POLL QUESTION

Q1. The committee __ going to take a decision today

- A. Is
- B. Are

Q2. The members of the committee __ going to take a decision today

- A. Is
- B. are





14. TITLES OF BOOKS, MOVIES, NOVELS, ETC. ARE TREATED AS SINGULAR.

- *Holes* was one of my favorite books. I want to see the movie.
- *The Incredibles* is my favorite movie.



14. TWO INFINITIVES SEPARATED BY AND TAKE A PLURAL VERB.

- To run and to read are my two favorite “Free-time” activities.





15. GERUNDS ALONE TAKE A SINGULAR VERB. GERUNDS LINKED BY *AND* TAKE A PLURAL VERB.

- **Dancing** is not something everyone can do as well as I can!





16. IF THE WORDS EACH, EVERY OR NO COME BEFORE THE SUBJECT, THE VERB IS SINGULAR.

- **Each** boy and girl has to take the test.



- **Every** frog and toad turns into a prince.



- **No** paper and pen is required.





POLL QUESTION

- *Every girl and every boy ___ given a packet of chocolate.*
- A. was
- B. were



17. MOST INDEFINITE PRONOUNS TAKE SINGULAR VERBS.



one	body	thing
someone	somebody	something
anyone	anybody	anything
No one	nobody	nothing
everyone	everybody	everything

Little

One

* **Everybody** is happy.

Another

Neither

* **No one** has a dime.

Much

Either

* **Nothing** was going to help.

Each

18. *BOTH, FEW, MANY, OTHERS,* *AND SEVERAL* TAKE A PLURAL VERB.



- Several need to finish the race.
- A few have the right answer.





- **Always singular:** *another, anybody, anyone, anything, each, either, enough, everybody, everyone, everything, little, much, neither, nobody, no one, nothing, one, other, somebody, someone, something*
- **Always plural:** *both, few, many, others, and several.*





19. WHEN WORDS INDICATE PORTIONS—
E.G., A LOT, A MAJORITY, SOME, ALL - USED
WITH **OF**, THIS IS THE **ONLY** TIME YOU MUST
LOOK AT THE OBJECT OF THE PREPOSITIONAL
PHRASE TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS
SINGULAR OR PLURAL.

- **All of the chickens have laid eggs.**
- **One third of the city is unemployed.**
- **Some of the milk has spilled.**





POLL QUESTIONS

Q1. A third of the people ___ unemployed.

A. *Is*

B. *Are*

Q2. Some of the pie ___ missing.

A. *Is*

B. *Are*





20. THE WORD 'WERE' REPLACES WAS IN SENTENCES THAT EXPRESS A WISH OR ARE CONTRARY TO FACT:

- *Example: If Joe **were** here, you'd be sorry.*
- *I wish it **were** Friday.*





21. When the plural noun is a proper name for single objects or collective unit, it must be followed by a singular verb.

Example: ***Darts is** a popular game in England.*

22. Some nouns which are singular in form, but plural in meaning take a plural verb.

(cattle, gentry, vermin, peasantry, artillery, clergy, alphabet, Offspring, information)

Examples: *The **police are** getting wise and keeping the file shut.*





22. SOME NOUNS WHICH ARE PLURAL IN FORM, BUT SINGULAR IN MEANING, TAKE A SINGULAR VERB.

(MATHEMATICS, CLASSICS, ETHICS, ATHLETICS, INNINGS, GALLOWS, ECONOMICS, POETRY, NEWS, MEASLES, NEWS, MUMPS, ELECTRONICS, TACTICS, PHYSICS)

- ***Example: Mathematics is an interesting subject.***





23. THE NUMBER/A NUMBER USED AS SINGULAR AS WELL AS PLURAL

Examples:

- *A number of students **are** found there.*
- *The number of people living in streets **has** reduced.*



Thank you for learning!

