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# Agreement Mistakes

1. Subject → H.V/V agreement

• He ~~do~~ <sup>does</sup> not do his work properly.

• The food ~~is~~ not respected everywhere  
 are (bec {the + adj = plural})

• The performance of all the members are very impressive. (subj is before of/on) <sup>is</sup>

• The condition of all the books on the table are <sup>is</sup> not very good.

• He is worried about good jobs.

2. B-I → ABLEWOTAAHI

• The teacher along with his students. ~~is~~ <sup>are</sup> working hard

• He not I ~~is~~ <sup>am</sup> not responsible for the accident

• Everything together with other matters that I may have forgotten. ~~has~~ <sup>have</sup> been noted

As well as  
 Besides  
 Like  
 Except  
 With  
 of

Together with  
 Along with  
 Accompanied by  
 Not  
 In addition to

ABLEWOTAAHI

- including
- excluding
- comprising
- containing
- consisting
- but
- keeping
- excluding
- having

3. S-II → Neither / nor  
 Either / or  
 Not only / but also

• Either he or I ~~is~~ <sup>am</sup> to attend the meeting

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#### 4. Confusing 'and'

- Bread and butter <sup>s</sup> is/are hard to earn
- Slow and steady <sup>are</sup> win/wins the race.
- The horse and carriage <sup>s</sup> is/are available outside.
- Time and tide <sup>pl</sup> wait/waits for none.
- The scientist and philosopher <sup>s</sup> are/is attending meeting
- The scientist and the philosopher <sup>s</sup> is/are attending the meeting.
- Two and two make four

#### 5. Confusing 's'

##### i) Records (Nouns)

- Series • Summons
- Wages • News
- Innings • Tidings

##### ii) Subject

- Physics
- Mathematics

##### iii) Diseases

- Measles
- AIDS

##### iv) Books

- The Arabian Nights

##### v) Sports

- Billiards

##### vi) Countries

- United States

#### Wages

- His real wage <sup>has</sup> increased two times
- Women's wages are lower than men's

Wage (Salary) → singular → single verb  
 → plural → plural verb.

- The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life.

Wages → singular.  
 (reward, punish)

#### Essential and non-essential clause

- That is only for essential clause
- Who, which for both essential and non-essential clause.

→ His brother, who is a doctor, treats patients at a hospital  
 non-essential  
 separated by comma.



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vii) Companies

- Williams & Williams

viii) Movies

- The Avengers

6. Always plural.

- Police • cattle
- Vermine • poultry
- Gentry • clergy

7. May be singular or plural

- Jury • class
- Team • Committee

Work as a unit → singular  
 Divided → plural

8. Fractions / Portions / Percentages

(subject is after 'of')

- A lot of
- Majority of • Rest of

9. Majority

The no. of

majority of

Singular

A no. of

A variety of

Plural

• The teachers and the students, whom I met

• The teachers " " students whom I met.

• The police has / have worked a lot

• The jury is / are divided in <sup>their</sup> verdict.  
 • The jury is / are agreed in <sup>its</sup> / <sup>their</sup> verdict.

• 50% of these students is / are working  
 • Three-fourths of this are is / are irrigated.  
 • Half of the books is / are interesting.

• majority live / lives in cities  
 • The number of students is / are communicating on students.  
 • A number of students is / are working hard.



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# 10. Quantity / Number / Amount

→ H.V/V agreement

- Take help from Urdu.

• Fifty thousand rupees is / are a large amount.

• Last night The stars was / were <sup>in</sup> only guide.

• Thirty miles is / are a long distance.

• Ten dollars were scattered on the floor.

11.

For two  
(Each  
Either  
Neither)

For more than two  
(Every  
Any  
None)

all are singular

• <sup>None</sup> Neither of these boys are <sup>is</sup> working hard.

• None of these men and women is showing good performance.

# 12. The + adjective + noun (place)

H/V + V agreement.

• The wise are respected all over the world.

This book (Demonstrative adj.)

His book (Possessive adj.)

Three books (Numeral adj.)

This book is mine (Possessive Pron.)

• The poor are looked down upon everywhere.

• The injured were taken to the hospital.

# 13. Noun-Relative Pronoun agreement.

who → Person / Big animals

which → Things & Small animals

that → All

• The boys <sup>who</sup> which participated in the contest will be awarded.

• The book <sup>which</sup> which is presented to you is interesting.



#### 14. Noun-Quantifier agreement.

People → Persons

The people → common people

peoples → nations

A people → a nation.

#### Types of Quantifiers

Countable

Uncountable

Common.

Number

Amount

A lot of

Many

Much

All

Few

Little

Some

- <sup>many</sup> much books are available for preparation.
- A lot of people are present in this room. ✓

#### 15. H.V → V (Form of verb) agreement

- Do/does/did/will/shall/would/should/can/could/may/might/to → 1<sup>st</sup> form.

- Is/am/are/was/were/will be/shall be/has been/have been → 2<sup>nd</sup> form

- has/have/had/will have/shall have/be → 3<sup>rd</sup> form

- wish → were

- They ~~did~~ <sup>do</sup> not ~~did~~ their work properly.
- They had not hurt themselves before we reached there. ✓

#### Effect of comma

- My computer, which I bought last month, is out of order. (Correct) (tells he has 1 comp only)
- My computer which I bought last month is out of order. (Correct) (tells he has more than 1)

#### 16. Phrase/Clause as a subject → H.V/V agreement

- That he <sup>S</sup> is a very active member of these members are <sup>is</sup> appreciated by all of us.

#### 17. Inversion

Negative statement  
in start

Hardly, scarcely, no sooner did, nor sooner had, seldom, rarely, never again, little, only, not only, under no circumstances, at no time, no

- No sooner did I leave.
- Never again ~~he will~~ <sup>was he</sup> go there.
- He helped us a lot so did we.

### 3. Conditions.

- If he comes, I will help him.
- If he came, I would help him.
- If he had come, I would have helped him.
- If temperature is raised to 100°C. water boils → Universal/special case.

9. Many a → Singular  
A Many → Plural  
Many → Plural

many a child / children dream / dreams about becoming famous one day.

### Miscellaneous things to remember

- or then → no combination
- To is never followed by Vt's/es. To takes X
- This <sup>one</sup> of his pens ~~is~~ <sup>are</sup> worth reading.
- This is the only one of his pens that <sup>is</sup> ~~are~~ worth reading. <sup>unit of emphasis.</sup>

→ uncountable abstract noun do not follow any article but if they are specified, then article will be present.

- The knowledge and the wisdom have oft-times no connection.
- I will never come before that
- Relative pronoun specifies word before it.
- If comma is present, then R.P. specifies other thing like:

- They wished me to drink with them which I declined