

Subject Verb Agreement

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Fix the verb(s) where necessary:

1. By Anita's estimate, there ~~is~~ are at least a hundred birds in the tropical rain forest exhibit.
2. There ~~has~~ have always been too many conflicting clauses and stipulations in the company's hiring policy.
3. There ~~is~~ was a public park, a swimming pool, and a miniature golf course just down the road from the house where I grew up. (*Alternatively, switch grew to am growing*)
4. The principles of morality, government, and perception ~~was~~ were all investigated by British philosopher John Locke.
5. Neither Mr. Carruthers nor his son ~~were~~ was invited to this year's golf outing.
6. Neither one of the contestants ~~were~~ was willing to use dishonest methods and thus risk her reputation.
7. The overwhelming support of both emerging and established authors ~~have~~ has undeniably enriched the world literature scene.
8. The proceeds from the auction of Ms. Dutton's estate ~~was~~ were distributed among her children.
9. Neither the cheerleaders nor the football players themselves ~~believes~~ believe that the coach has had a positive influence on the team.
10. Either a German novel or a French novel ~~are~~ is going to be assigned to the class for summer reading.
11. There ~~is~~ are five more miles to go until we reach our destination.
12. Weather phenomena, from deadly tornadoes to gentle spring rain, ~~is~~ are analyzed in great detail on an informative new television show.

13. The building inspectors were astonished to discover that there ~~was~~ were three hidden rooms in the basement of the old mansion.
14. Every tenured faculty member of the department of literature and languages ~~were~~ was present at Dr. McNulty's retirement party.

Practice Multiple Choice:

1. B) there are
2. D) is
3. B) This is
4. C) seem
5. D) are
6. B) makes
7. A) NO CHANGE