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**SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT –**

EXERCISE 1

**Directions:** In the blank, use the correct ***present tense*** form of the infinitive given at the beginning of each sentence. Check your answers with the [**interactive version**](https://chompchomp.com/hotpotatoes/sva01.htm) of the exercise.

1. ***to have****:* The cracked windshield, in addition to the torn upholstery and rusted body,

has made Ruth’s old car difficult to sell.

1. ***to be****:* This week's *National Inquisitor* claims that there are photographs of the Loch Ness Monster eating Elvis.
2. ***to work****:* At Tito’s Taco Palace work friends who will stuff double meat into our

burritos for free.

1. ***to crawl****:* On the tables in the library crawl the many germs that have escaped in the hot breath of hardworking students.
2. ***to be****:* None of this breakfast that Lilly Mae cooked is fit to eat.
3. ***to taste****:* None of these chocolate-broccoli muffins taste good, either.
4. ***to have****:* The whole red ant colony, including the queen and all of her drones,

has swarmed over Tommy's feet, stinging his ankles.

1. ***to make****:* Fifteen gallons of chocolate milk makes Herbert the elephant a happy pachyderm.
2. ***to hope****:* Everyone on the roller coaster, including Martha and Angie, hopes that the hot dogs, onion rings, funnel cake, and cotton candy will stay down during the twisting ride to come.
3. ***to bother****:* Neither Fred's ratty clothes nor his sullen attitude bothers Esmeralda, who lets Fred pick up the check every time they dine out.
4. ***to hug****:* That pair of jeans hugs the curves of Hannah’s body as nicely as tinfoil

on a baked potato.

1. ***to annoy****:* Neither the coughing muffler nor the squeaky brakes annoy Ruth as much as the broken radio in her old car.
2. ***to get****:* Florida alligators usually get severe indigestion after eating poodles.
3. ***to cling****:* Every cat hair, candy wrapper, and loose thread clings to the super- charged polyester pants that Theodora loves to wear.
4. ***to know****:* Any one of Ms. Orsini's students knows the rules that govern subject- verb agreement.
5. ***to take****:* The shine on my hardwood floors takes abuse from the ragged toenails of Floyd, my dog.
6. ***to have****:* Neither of those students has a clue about the rules governing subject- verb agreement. Pity them both during the quiz.
7. ***to make****:* Patience and compassion, in addition to a wallet bulging with money,

make everyone want Jordan as a friend.

1. ***to require****:* Statistics requires so much homework that Michelle's poor fingers have permanent indentations from the calculator pads.
2. ***to come****:* The committee come from all parts of the city, so we usually have to start late because so many members get stuck in traffic.
3. ***to believe****:* The committee believes that waiting until everyone arrives is more important than starting on time.
4. ***to be****:* When Dad is angry, there is fire flickering in his eyes as well as smoke escaping from his ears.
5. ***to brighten****:* When Matthew is having a bad day, old episodes of *The X-Files* always

brighten his mood.

1. ***to hit****:* Each of those opera singers regularly \_ hits notes high enough to break glass and rupture eardrums.
2. ***to be****:* Either the fried oyster sandwich or shrimp pizza is the best choice for lunch at Crusty's Seafood Restaurant.