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# Small tests

1- Listen to this song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uDKs7qEavXo> (or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NG2zyeVRcbs>) twice and fill in the blanks

I can almost see it  
That dream I am dreaming  
But there's a voice inside my head saying  
"You'll never reach it"

Every step I'm taking  
Every move I make feels  
Lost with no direction  
My faith is shaking

But I gotta keep trying  
Gotta keep my head held high

There's always gonna be another mountain  
I'm always gonna wanna make it move  
Always gonna be a uphill battle  
Sometimes I'm gonna have to lose

Ain't about how fast I get there  
Ain't about what's waiting on the other side  
It's the climb

The struggles I'm facing  
The chances I'm taking  
Sometimes might knock me down  
But no, I'm not breaking

I may not know it  
But these are the moments that

I'm gonna remember most, yeah  
Just gotta keep going

And I, I got to be strong  
Just keep pushing on

'Cause there's always gonna be another mountain  
I'm always gonna wanna make it move  
Always gonna be a uphill battle  
Sometimes I'm gonna have to lose

Ain't about how fast I get there  
Ain't about what's waiting on the other side  
It's the climb, yeah!

There's always gonna be another mountain  
I'm always gonna wanna make it move  
Always gonna be an uphill battle  
Somebody's gonna have to lose

Ain't about how fast I get there  
Ain't about what's waiting on the other side  
It's the climb, yeah!

Keep on moving, keep climbing  
Keep the faith, baby  
It's all about, it's all about the climb  
Keep the faith, keep your faith, whoa

## 2- What are wrong in these phrases / sentences? Correct them.

1- The subject and (its) verb must agree in number: both must be singular, or both must be plural. In order to find out if your subject and verb **agree agrees**, you need to be able to identify the real subject of your sentence first. Then, you need to identify whether the subject **has have** a plural or singular meaning.

Here **are is**-some tips:

- A subject often comes **is** before its verb, but it can come after its verb in some special cases (inversion, **here is/are + ...**, **there is/are + ...**, **there exists/exist + ...**, **it is + ...**, etc.)
- The subject must be **the** head of some noun phrase.
- A subject will often come before a phrase beginning with **of**. Distinguish:  
*A bouquet of yellow roses lends color and fragrance to the room.* → **'A bouquet'** is the real subject  
*A number of yellow roses lend color and fragrance to the room.* → **'A number of'** is just the quantifier, **'yellow roses'** is the real subject

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- 2 or more subjects connected by 'and' requires a plural verb.
- The verb in an **or**, **either/or**, or **neither/nor** sentence agrees with the noun or pronoun closest to it.
- Use a singular verb with distances, periods of time, sums of money, etc., when considered as a unit.
- Some collective nouns, such as *family, couple, staff, audience*, etc., may take either a singular verb or a plural verb, depending on their use in the sentence.
- **(Any/some/no/every + one/body/thing), much/either/neither/other/each/one/this/that** → require singular verbs
- **These/those/both/few/many/several/others** → require plural verbs
- **None** can go with both singular and plural verbs.

2- The company ~~has~~ posted a new job in LinkedIn yesterday. After only one day~~s~~, a large number of people ~~have~~ ~~has~~ applied for the job. The number of people applying for the job ~~is~~ ~~are~~ still increasing.

3- Tom ~~had~~ ~~has~~ been a judge for 30 year~~s~~ and he died yesterday. His lawyer and former college friend, Max Fairford, was with him at his death. Max said to the others: "Tom's fairness and impartiality ~~has~~/have been much appreciated. Law and order in this city ~~has~~/have been well established for years by him. This city owe~~s~~ him many ~~much~~ thanks."

4- Tom and Mary are ~~ready~~ ~~readily~~ to go. They are ~~going~~ towards a cart and horse which was ~~were~~-seen in a distance near a flagpole. Do~~e~~s you know which flagpole? That ~~the~~-one. Can you see a hammer and sickle ~~is~~ ~~are~~ flying from ~~the~~ ~~a~~-flagpole?

5- The dog chases the cat. They always hate~~s~~ cats. (About why, see: [http://americanfolklore.net/folklore/2010/08/why\\_dogs\\_chase\\_cats.html](http://americanfolklore.net/folklore/2010/08/why_dogs_chase_cats.html))

6- The ranger and the camper see the bear. They ~~have~~ ~~has~~ been chasing it for a long while.

7- This is a little nice story about four ~~person~~ people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There ~~was~~ ~~were~~-an important job to be done and Everybody ~~was~~-~~were~~ sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have ~~done~~ it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have ~~done~~.

8- The list of items ~~is~~ ~~are~~-on the desk. Can you check if it contain~~s~~ what you need~~s~~?

9- One of my aunt or one of my uncle is arriving by train today. Neither my aunts nor my uncle ~~has~~ ~~have~~ a car.

10- I can lend you some money. But ten dollars ~~is~~ ~~are~~-all I have. You can pay it back in fifty years. Wow! Fifty years ~~is~~ ~~are~~-a ~~long~~-really long period.

11- Two and two ~~is~~/are four. Two and two ~~make~~/makes four. Two plus two is four.

12- She only worries about her~~self~~. You guys take care of ~~yourselves~~ ~~yourself~~. Peter, you need to take care of ~~yourself~~ ~~yourselves~~.

13- A writer, and sometimes an artist, ~~is~~ ~~are~~ invited to address the society. He will speak directly to the society.

14- Those kinds of parties are dangerous. But this kind of party is a lot more dangerous.

15- The girl, as well as the boys, ~~is~~ ~~are~~-here. Each of them ~~is~~ ~~are~~-allocated one seat. None of them ~~has~~/have done their homework. Because none of the homework ~~is~~ ~~are~~-difficult, one of them ~~is~~ ~~are~~ to be seriously punished as an example to the others.

16- The size etc., ~~are~~ ~~is~~-less important for our purposes.

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Where is your limit? Is it behind or in front of you?

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17- The four men plus a forty-year-old woman **have** ~~has~~ been arrested.

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