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

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| 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 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

* 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 days, 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 years 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 owes 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. Does 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 hates cats. (About why, see: <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 contains what you needs?

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 herself. 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.

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

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