

ANSWER KEY SUBJECT VERB AGREEMENT.

Exercise 1

1. Your friendship over the years and your support (has/have) meant a great deal to us.
2. Hamilton Family Center, a shelter for teenage runaways in San Francisco, (offers/offer) a wide variety of services.
3. The main source of income for Trinidad (is/are) oil and pitch.
4. The chances of your being promoted (is/are) excellent.
5. There (was/were) a Pokémon card stuck to the refrigerator.
6. Neither the professor nor his assistants (was/were) able to solve the mystery of the eerie glow in the laboratory.
7. Many hours at the driving range (has/have) led us to design golf balls with GPS locators in them.
8. Discovered in the soil of our city garden (was/were) a button dating from the Civil War dating from the turn of the century.
9. Every year, during the midsummer festival, the smoke of village bonfires (fills/fill) the sky.
10. The story performers (was/were) surrounded by children and adults eager to see magical tales.

Exercise 2

1. One of the main reasons for elephant poaching is the profits received from selling the ivory tusks.
2. CORRECT
3. Batik cloth from Bali, blue and white ceramics from Cambodia, and a bocce ball from Turin have made Hannah's rooms the talk of the dorm.
4. CORRECT
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6. The presence of certain bacteria in our bodies is one of the factors that determine our overall health.
7. CORRECT
8. Neither the explorer nor his companions were ever seen again.

EXERCISE 3

1. Benito (doesn't, don't) know the answer.
2. Annie and her brothers (is, are) at school.
3. George and Tamara (doesn't, don't) want to see that movie.
4. Your pants (is, are) at the cleaner's.
5. (Is, Are) the tweezers in this drawer?
6. The committee (debates, debate) these questions carefully.
7. The members of the committee (leads, lead) very different lives in private
8. (Is, Are) the news on at five or six?
9. Mathematics (is, are) John's favourite subject, while Civics (is, are) Andrea's favourite subject
10. Statistics (is, are) not a piece of cake to learn.
11. Unfortunately, dishonest politics (was, were) used to win the election.
12. Athletics (provides, provide) important opportunities for physical development.
13. Good news usually (travels, travel) fast.
14. Ceramics (take, takes) a great deal of practice for proficiency.
15. The projected statistics (compares, compare) the budgets of the first 3 quarters.
16. The dog or the cats (is, are) outside.
17. The players, as well as the captain, (want, wants) to win.
18. Either my shoes or your coat (is, are) always on the floor.
19. The movie, including all the previews, (take, takes) about two hours to watch.
20. The Prime Minister, together with his wife, (greet, greets) the press cordially.
21. The man with all the birds (live, lives) on my street.
22. One of my sisters (is, are) going on a trip to France.
23. Either my mother or my father (is, are) coming to the meeting.
24. 50% of the work (is, are) complete.
25. Either answer (is, are) acceptable.

26. Every one of those books (is, **are**) fiction.
27. Nobody (know, **knows**) the trouble I've seen.
28. All of the CDs, even the scratched one, (is, **are**) in this case.
29. Among the animals, turtles cling to their basic structural design, while many others (is, **are**) experimenting their way to extinction.
30. Turtles are unique; each (**has**, have) eight cervical vertebrae, compared with seven of most mammals.

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EXERCISE 5

1. talks
2. looks
3. swim
4. drives
5. run
6. lives
7. cooks
8. walk
9. appears
10. bounces

EXERCISE 6

1. look
2. was
3. is
4. is
5. are
6. are
7. has
8. observes
9. is
10. were
11. come
12. has
13. was
14. come
15. have

EXERCISE 7

1. visit
2. are
3. need
4. are
5. were
6. come
7. delivers
8. works
9. are
10. were
11. are
12. was
13. is
14. were
15. are

EXERCISE 8

1 is very

2 has

3 is

4 were

5 has

6 were

7 as

8 were

9 has

10 was