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In order to master Sentence Correction questions, you are required to be aware of the basic rules of **Subject-verb Agreement**.

A simple subject-verb agreement definition implies that the subject of the sentence and the verb of the sentence must be in agreement in number.

Example 1: The dog is playing with his ball.

the subject of the sentence is ‘dog’ and the verb used is singular in nature, ‘is playing’.

Example 2: The dogs are playing with their ball.

In this case, the subject of the sentence is ‘dogs’ and the verb used is plural in nature, ‘are playing’.

**RULE 1:** When two subjects are joined by ‘and’, the verb is plural.

For example: My friend and his mother are in town.

**RULE 2:** When two singular nouns joined by ‘and’ refer to the same person or thing, the verb is singular.   
For example: The captain and coach of the team has been sacked.

**RULE 3:** Indefinite pronouns (everyone, each one, someone, somebody, no one, nobody, anyone, anybody etc.) are always singular.

For example:  Everyone is selfish.

We do not use 'are' in this sentence.

This rule does not apply to: few, many, several, both, all, some.

**RULE 4:** A number of/ the number.

‘A number of (some countable noun)’ is always plural. ‘The number of (some countable noun)’ is always singular.

For example: 1.**A number** of **students** **are** going on the trip.

2.**The number** of **soldiers** at the border **is** large.

The number of people lined up for tickets **was**four hundred.

**Trick 5: After 'the number', the noun is plural but the verb is singular.**  
Example: The number of soldiers at the border is large.  
This time, even though the noun soldiers is plural, the verb in the sentence ,'is', is singular in nature. The reason for this is that we are referring to a singular number in this case.

1.. A number of suggestions **were**made.

2.. There **are**a number of important announcements in the bulletin.

RULE 9: When any of ‘few, many, several, both, all, some’ is used with a countable noun, the verb is plural.

For example: Some men are needed for the battle.

Some of the girls are going out.

Most of the glasses were broken.

RULE 10: When any of ‘few, many, several, both, all, some’ is used with an uncountable noun, the verb is singular.

For example: Some milk is spoilt.

4. Here **is**the number of milk shakes you requested.