



Noun and Verb Singular/Plural Agreement

About These Problems

These category covers two things. Noun-verb agreement in terms of plurality and noun-pronoun agreement in terms of plurality are the main key question types. Say these sentences out loud in your head. You'll notice they sound unnatural when the noun and verb do not agree. You can then figure out the issue and resolve it.

Question. The harmful effects of overeating on the heart and stomach is increasingly well documented.

- A. heart and stomach is increasingly well documented.
- B. heart and stomach are increasingly well documented.
- C. heart and stomach is increasing in documentation well.
- D. heart and stomach well documented well it is.
- E. heart and stomach are well, well documented they are.

Answer. B: The main issue is the subject-verb agreement. "Effects" is plural and "is" is the singular version. Replace "is" with "are." The subject of the sentence is "effects" not "overeating."

Question. The hiring of the new coaches have not managed to turn the team's season around. No Error

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| A | B | C |
| D | E | |

Answer. B: The subject of this sentence is "hiring", not "coaches" so the singular form of the verb "have" should be used which is "has." Saying this sentence out loud might sound correct but always highlight the subject and the verb to make sure.