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READING

LESSON 9

S-V AGREEMENT | MESSAGE CHAINS

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SECTION A PART 5 + PART 6 - S-V AGREEMENT (HÒA HỢP CHỦ NGỮ - ĐỘNG TỪ)

I. DẠNG THỨC SỐ ÍT VÀ SỐ NHIỀU CỦA ĐỘNG TỪ

Thì	ĐỘNG TỪ "TO BE"		ĐỘNG TỪ THƯỜNG	
	Số ít	Số nhiều	Số ít	Số nhiều
Hiện tại đơn	is	are	Vs/es	V
Hiện tại hoàn thành	has been	have been	has PII	have PII
Quá khứ đơn	was	were		
Tương lai gần			is going to V	are going to V

QUICK CHECK 1

Chọn đáp án đúng.

- 01 The company hires new employees. ☐
The company hire new employees. ☐

- 02 Many bank hires MBA graduates. ☐
Many banks hire MBA graduates. ☐

II. CÁC TRƯỜNG HỢP HÒA HỢP CHỦ NGỮ - ĐỘNG TỪ

1. Các trường hợp động từ luôn chia số ít

1. ĐẠI TỪ NHÂN XƯNG: HE, SHE, IT

Example: It **takes** courage to make a change.

2. DANH TỪ ĐẾM ĐƯỢC SỐ ÍT

Example: A dream **leads** to action.

3. ONE / ANOTHER
EACH / EVERY
EITHER / NEITHER

+ DANH TỪ SỐ ÍT

Example: Each step **brings** you closer to success.
Either choice **opens** a new door.

LUÔN CHIA
SỐ ÍT

4. DANH TỪ KHÔNG ĐẾM ĐƯỢC

Example: Knowledge **empowers** progress.

5. DANH ĐỘNG TỪ (V-ING)

Example: Learning **fuels** personal growth.

6. LƯỢNG TIỀN, KHOẢNG CÁCH, THỜI GIAN, ...

Example: Ten seconds **is enough** to make a difference.

7. TÊN GỌI CÔNG TY, TỔ CHỨC, TRÒ CHƠI, SÁCH, TỜ BÁO, ĐẤT NƯỚC, ...

Example: The New York Times **reports** on global events daily.

2. Các trường hợp động từ luôn chia số nhiều

LUÔN CHIA SỐ NHIỀU

1. ĐẠI TỪ NHÂN XƯNG: I, YOU, WE, THEY

Example: You **create** your own destiny.

2. DANH TỪ ĐẾM ĐƯỢC SỐ NHIỀU

Example: Opportunities **await** those who act.

3. HAI DANH TỪ NỐI VỚI NHAU BẰNG "AND" HOẶC "BOTH ... AND ..."

Example: Both effort and passion **drive** success.

4. DANH TỪ TẬP HỢP: THE + ADJ

Example: The curious **discover** endless possibilities.

CHECKUP 1

1. The company and the striking workers _____ finally reached a settlement.

- (A) has (B) have
(C) has been (D) have been

3. The poor _____ often overlooked in discussions about economic growth, even though they are the ones most affected by policy changes.

- (A) is (B) are
(C) has (D) have

5. The news on the radio _____ that Typhoon Yagi is approaching northern Vietnam.

- (A) confirm (B) confirms
(C) is confirming (D) are confirming

7. Being able to work cooperatively with colleagues _____ an important factor when choosing a candidate.

- (A) is (B) are
(C) was (D) were

9. To fill two vacant positions on marketing department, Madison Labs _____ employees have result-driven mindset.

- (A) are seeking (B) is seeking
(C) are sought (D) is sought

2. Each participant _____ a different opinion on the topic.

- (A) has (B) have
(C) are having (D) is having

4. Either option _____ acceptable, so choose whichever you prefer.

- (A) is (B) are
(C) were (D) have been

6. A couple of candidates _____ for the position, but only one will be selected after the final interview

- (A) were shortlisted (B) were shortlisting
(C) was shortlisted (D) was shortlisting

8. Many corporations _____ staff about what to do in case of an emergency.

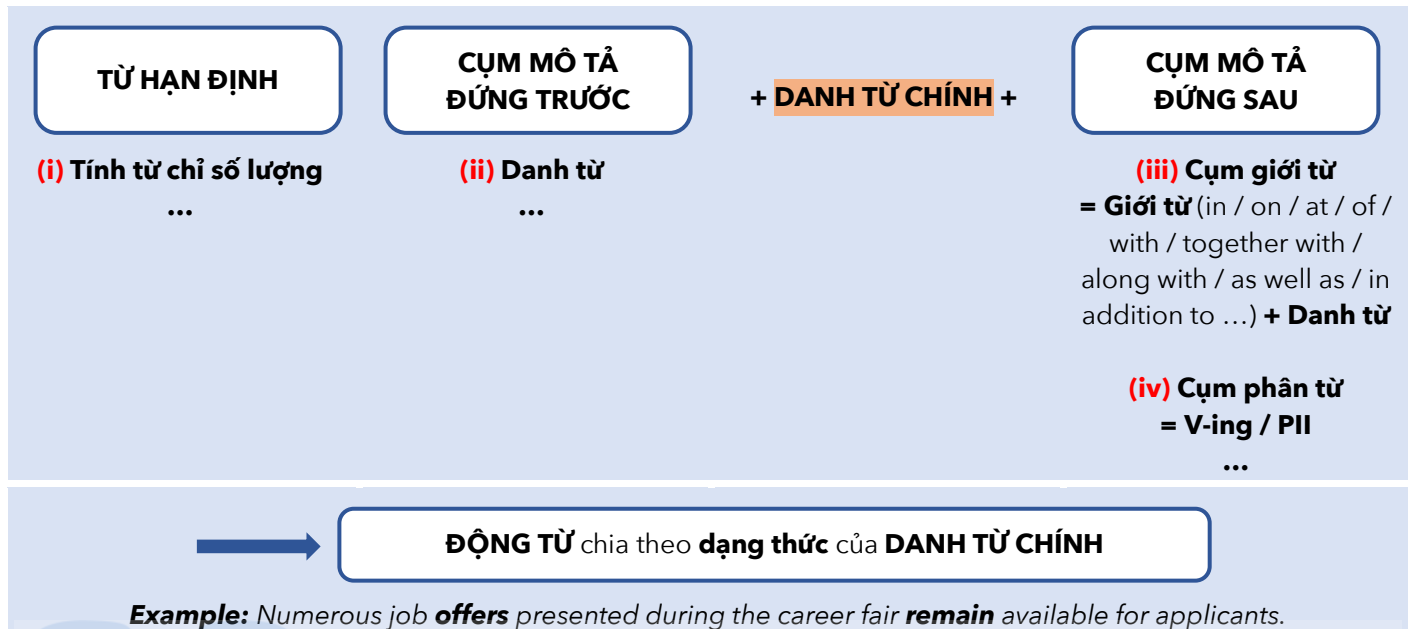
- (A) instruct (B) instructs
(C) is instructed (D) are instructed

10. Senior employees _____ after for their expertise and leadership in guiding younger team members.

- (A) are sought (B) is sought
(C) are seeking (D) is seeking

3. Các trường hợp đặc biệt

3.1. Cụm danh từ

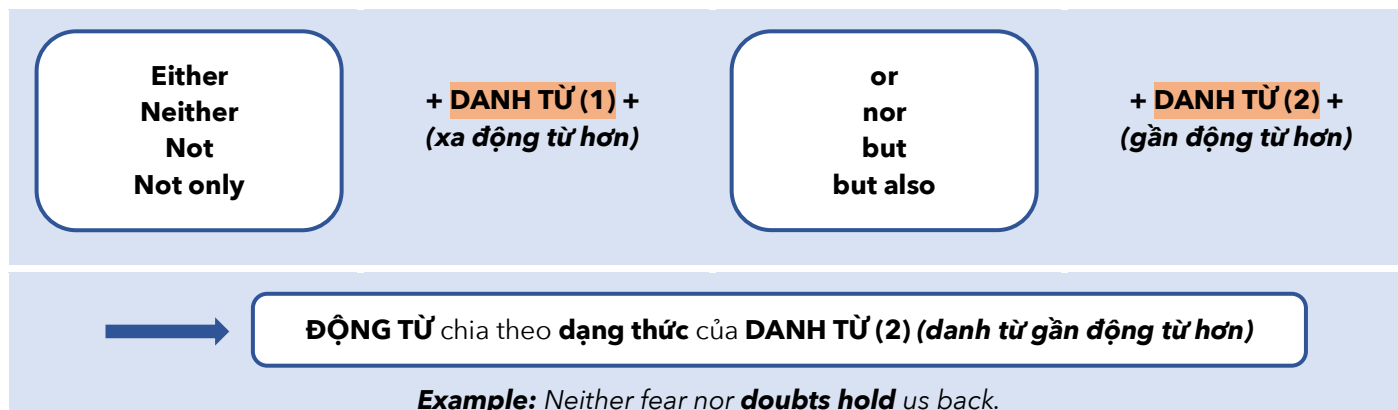


QUICK CHECK 2

Chia các động từ sau về thì hiện tại đơn.

(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Much effort (lead) _____ to great results. Several ideas (spark) _____ innovation. Some dreams (ignite) _____ our passion. Some patience (yield) _____ great rewards. No challenge (defeat) _____ a determined spirit. No obstacles (hinder) _____ your success.
(ii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customer service (drive) _____ loyalty. Sales staff (boost) _____ performance. Project goals (guide) _____ progress. Growth opportunities (expand) _____ horizons.
(iii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The key to success (lie) _____ in hard work. Skills in communication (enhance) _____ collaboration. Every idea for solutions in the workplace (come) _____ from collaboration. The key to effective leadership in any organization during challenging times (to be) _____ communication. Passion, together with dedication, (foster) _____ success. Initiatives regarding technology (shape) _____ the future. A team, including members and leaders, (drive) _____ success. Skills as well as experience (lead) _____ to success.
(iv)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report highlighting key findings (to be) _____ available for review. The workshop aimed at improving skills (to be) _____ held annually.

3.2. Hai danh từ theo cặp



3.3. A number of / The number of



CHECKUP 2

1. These data provided by two research teams _____ crucial for the success of the project.
 (A) is (B) are
 (C) has been (D) to be

2. The professor, along with several students, _____ attending the conference when the power ran out.
 (A) are (B) is
 (C) were (D) was

3. The competition between the two companies _____, leading to significant innovations in their product lines.
 (A) have been increasing (B) have increased
 (C) has increased (D) are increased

4. The number of errors _____ the overall accuracy of the findings
 (A) has affected (B) have affected
 (C) has been affected (D) have been affected

5. A number of people _____ forward to share their experiences regarding the recent changes in the community.

- (A) has come (B) have come
(C) coming (D) to come

7. The ability of the community to come together and support one another during difficult times _____ their bonds.

- (A) has been (B) have strengthened
strengthened (D) have been
(C) has strengthened strengthened

9. The study shows that _____ in Vietnam has remained stable over the past 5 years despite the pandemic.

- (A) tourist (B) tourists
(C) tourism (D) tours

11. The CEO, as well as the board members, _____ responsible for making the final decision.

- (A) be (B) is
(C) are (D) were

13. He mentioned the fact that deliveries of our products _____ due to unforeseen supply chain issues.

- (A) have delayed (B) has been delayed
(C) has been delayed (D) have been delayed

15. Neither the detailed report prepared by the analyst nor the extensive feedback from the team _____ the true challenges we face in the project.

- (A) reflecting (B) reflect
(C) to reflect (D) reflects

6. Everyone working in the administrative offices _____ closely to streamline processes and enhance efficiency.

- (A) has been (B) have been
collaborating collaborating
(C) have been (D) has been
collaborated collaborated

8. Not every company that offers remote work opportunities _____ the necessary resources and support to their employees.

- (A) is provided (B) are provided
(C) provide (D) provides

10. A significant amount of information _____ provided during the meeting yesterday.

- (A) is (B) are
(C) was (D) were

12. Not only managing but also coordinating multiple projects _____ excellent organizational skills.

- (A) requires (B) require
(C) is required (D) are required

14. The prices in the housing market _____, making it difficult for many people to afford homes.

- (A) has skyrocketed (B) have skyrocketed
(C) skyrockets (D) skyrocket

16. Several pieces of furniture _____ in the new office space at the moment.

- (A) is being arranged (B) are being arranged
(C) were being arranged (D) have been arranged

SECTION B PART 7 - MESSAGE CHAINS (CHUỖI TIN NHẮN)

I. CHIẾN THUẬT

Bố cục thường gặp	Nhóm thông tin	Câu hỏi tương ứng
<p>Rob Smith 10:30 Hey, I'd like to check on the progress of the curtains for the Perkins Family. Any updates?</p>	<p>1. Mục đích gửi tin nhắn (tin nhắn đầu tiên)</p>	<p>• Why did Rob Smith contact Maya Jones? → To check on the progress of a product</p>
<p>Maya Jones 10:31 We're still waiting for the custom trim from Artisan Craft. But most of the other materials arrived yesterday. Our team can start working on some parts.</p>	<p>2.1. Nội dung suy luận nghề nghiệp</p>	<p>• What kind of business do the participants most likely work for?</p>
<p>Rob Smith 10:32 So do you think the project will be done by Wednesday like the Perkins wanted?</p>	<p>2.2. Nội dung ý đồ câu trích dẫn</p>	<p>• At 10:38, what does Maya Jones mean by "even if it means working late"?</p>
<p>Maya Jones 10:33 It depends on when the trim arrives. We can assemble the main pieces, but the trim is crucial for the final touches.</p>	<p>2.3. Nội dung làm gì tiếp theo</p>	<p>• What is Rob Smith likely to do next?</p>
<p>Rob Smith 10:34 Can you follow up with Artisan Craft and see when it will arrive?</p>	<p>2.4. Nội dung chi tiết khác</p>	<p>• When will the custom trim arrive?</p>
<p>Maya Jones 10:35 Actually, Logan is in charge of that. Logan, any word from them?</p>		
<p>Logan Wright 10:36 Yes, I just got off the phone. There was a slight delay because the trim had to be dyed again due to a mistake in the color. But they've expedited the delivery. We'll get it this afternoon.</p>		
<p>Rob Smith 10:37 Great! So do you think the curtains can be ready by Wednesday?</p>		
<p>Maya Jones 10:38 No problem. We'll make sure they're completed on time, even if it means working late.</p>		
<p>Rob Smith 10:39 That's good to hear. The Perkins family really needs those curtains by Thursday for their event.</p>		

CHECKUP 1

Questions 01 to 04 refer to the following text message chain.

Rob Smith 10:30

Hey, I'd like to check on the progress of the curtains for the Perkins Family. Any updates?

Maya Jones 10:31

We're still waiting for the custom trim from Artisan Craft. But most of the other materials arrived yesterday. Our team can start working on some parts.

Rob Smith 10:32

So do you think the project will be done by Wednesday like the Perkins wanted?

Maya Jones 10:33

It depends on when the trim arrives. We can assemble the main pieces, but the trim is crucial for the final touches.

Rob Smith 10:34

Can you follow up with Artisan Craft and see when it will arrive?

Maya Jones 10:35

Actually, Logan is in charge of that. Logan, any word from them?

Logan Wright 10:36

Yes, I just got off the phone. There was a slight delay because the trim had to be dyed again due to a mistake in the color. But they've expedited the delivery. We'll get it this afternoon.

Rob Smith 10:37

Great! So do you think the curtains can be ready by Wednesday?

Maya Jones 10:38

No problem. We'll make sure they're completed on time, even if it means working late.

Rob Smith 10:39

That's good to hear. The Perkins family really needs those curtains by Thursday for their event.

01. What kind of business do the participants most likely work for?
(A) A furniture store
(B) A bakery
(C) A custom interior design company
(D) A textile factory
02. When will the custom trim arrive?
(A) Tomorrow
(B) In the morning
(C) In the afternoon
(D) At the end of the week
03. At 10:38, what does Maya Jones mean by "even if it means working late"?
(A) The team will work quickly but efficiently.
(B) The team will work overtime to finish the project.
(C) The team will work slowly and carefully.
(D) The team will reschedule the project.
04. What is Rob Smith likely to do next?
(A) Call the Perkins family
(B) Cancel the order
(C) Ask Maya to speed up the process
(D) Schedule a follow-up meeting

CHECKUP 2

Questions 05 to 06 refer to the following text message chain.

Maya Roberts 09:45

Will we still be able to use the travel budget for the upcoming conference?

Ben Walker 09:47

No, unfortunately, the travel budget was cut last quarter. Only essential business trips are covered now.

Maya Roberts 09:49

Oh no, that's a shame. I guess we'll have to make our own arrangements.

Ben Walker 09:50

Yes, but at least we can choose how to get there!

Maya Roberts 09:51

True. I'll let the rest of the team know. Thanks!

05. Why does Maya contact Ben?

- (A) To ask him to pay for the trip
- (B) To get details about the travel budget
- (C) To check if he is attending the conference
- (D) To recommend a travel agency

06. What does Maya mean when she writes, "we'll have to make our own arrangements"?

- (A) The company will cover the cost.
- (B) They will request a different budget.
- (C) They will have to find their own way to the conference.
- (D) The conference will be rescheduled.

II. NHÓM TỪ VỰNG THƯỜNG XUẤT HIỆN TRONG CÂU HỎI Ý ĐỀ

1. Spoken English	• That'll work/ That'll do	Đồng ý (về tính khả thi của 1 sự việc)
	• I'm down/ I'm all for it/ I'm totally with you	Hoàn toàn đồng ý (về 1 ý kiến / trước 1 lời rủ rê)
	• I'm on it	Đang/ sẽ hoàn thành việc gì đó
	• I'm in/ Count me in	Tính cả tôi vào nhé
	• Not at all/ Nevermind	Không phiền đâu
	• That makes sense	Hợp lý đó (dùng khi đồng ý với ai đó)
	• It's on me	Để tôi trả/ để tôi mời
	• No wonder	Thảo nào
	•
2. Idioms/ Phrasal verbs/ Collocations	• Work around the clock	Làm việc ngày và đêm để kịp tiến độ
	• Split the bill	Chia hóa đơn
	• Bail on something/ someone	Cho ai đó/ cái gì "leo cây"
	• Slip my mind	Quên bémng mất
	• Close the deal	"Chốt đơn"/Đi đến thỏa thuận cuối cùng
	• Keep in touch	Giữ liên lạc
	• Put that aside	Để chuyện đó sang 1 bên đã
	•

CHECKUP 3

Questions 07 to 08 refer to the following text message chain.

Leia:

11:23 A.M.

Sam, did you hear the big news?

Mr. Dawson has been promoted to the new vice president of the company. He moved up fast!

Sam:

11:24 A.M.

Yes, I saw the email announcement. Actually, I knew before it went public. My colleague, Mary, in the HR department, gave me a heads-up last week. Honestly, he deserves it. What's your take on this?

Leia:

11:27 A.M.

Well, I don't always agree with his approach at work. He just started 3 years ago, and there are others who have been here much longer. There are a few other candidates who were definitely more experienced. It feels like this goes against the company's seniority system.

Sam:

11:30 A.M.

But he's got incredible management skills. He's improved team performance significantly in just these 3 years. That kind of rapid impact is hard to overlook.

07. At 11:23, what does Leia mean when she says, "He moved up fast"?
- (A) Mr. Dawson was promoted quickly despite having little experience.
 - (B) Mr. Dawson's rise through the ranks was expected.
 - (C) Mr. Dawson is being treated unfairly.
 - (D) Mr. Dawson deserved the promotion for his hard work.
08. What does Leia think about the promotion?
- (A) It's completely fair.
 - (B) It's against company seniority rules.
 - (C) It's a good decision based on his recent performance.
 - (D) She agrees with Sam's opinion about Mr. Dawson's skills.

CHECKUP 4

Questions 09 to 12 refer to the following text message chain.

Nickson, Harry 10:10 AM

Any word yet from the distributors about the desks and office chairs we were supposed to get on Tuesday?

Jordan, Johnny 10:11 AM

Monica is waiting to hear from them. Last I heard, there's been a bit of a delay due to issues at the manufacturing site. Apparently, one of the conveyor belts is down.

Nickson, Harry 10:12 AM

Have you told this to our clients at P&R Industries?

Jordan, Johnny 10:13 AM

No, because I want to get a definitive answer from our manufacturers first before I relay any sort of message about a delay. Hey Monica, have you gotten a response yet?

Stein, Monica 10:14 AM

Yes, I just spoke with them. Great news, it looks like we can get the job done on Friday as originally scheduled. The desks and chairs will arrive directly at P&R Industries from the assembly lines on Thursday.

Nickson, Harry 10:15 AM

That's great to hear. Please inform Mr. Kline about this. We can get started on the 5th-floor offices and work our way down once the furniture arrives.

Stein, Monica 10:15 AM

I'm on it.

Jordan, Johnny 10:16 AM

Alright, and I'll get a large crew there so that the work can be finished by Friday as planned.

Nickson, Harry 10:17 AM

Yes, please make sure that the job is done efficiently. They have a couple of other buildings that they may want our services for.

Jordan, Johnny 10:18 AM

I'll keep that in mind.

09. What kind of business do the online speakers work at?
 (A) A law firm
 (B) An office supply company
 (C) A furniture shop
 (D) A moving company
10. When will the crew begin work?
 (A) Tuesday
 (B) Wednesday
 (C) Thursday
 (D) Friday
11. What will Johnny Jordan probably do next?
 (A) Contact the distributors
 (B) Organize a meeting
 (C) Gather a large crew
 (D) Call the client
12. What does Monica Stein mean by "I'm on it"?
 (A) She'll organize the movers.
 (B) She'll wait until she gets more information.
 (C) She'll visit the manufacturers.
 (D) She'll contact the client.

MINI TEST 9

1. Each employee in the company _____ a specific role to play.

- (A) have (B) has
(C) is having (D) are having

3. One of the challenges faced by travelers _____ unfamiliar cities.

- (A) is navigating (B) are navigating
(C) is navigated (D) are navigated

5. The number of qualified and experienced professionals taking early retirement _____ large, which is not good for the future of the manufacturing industry.

- (A) has (B) have
(C) is (D) are

7. The increasing number of students opting for online courses as a primary mode of education _____ the landscape of traditional universities.

- (A) is changing (B) are changing
(C) were changing (D) have changed

9. Not only are all the stakeholders but also every executive _____ integral to the success of the project in the last quarter.

- (A) is (B) are
(C) was (D) were

2. The United States _____ known for its diverse culture and strong economy.

- (A) are (B) is
(C) were (D) have been

4. Hua Mei is reviewing the new employee orientation guidebook to see if updates _____.

- (A) needed (B) is needed
(C) are needed (D) need

6. Construction of several office buildings _____ due to unexpected weather conditions and supply shortages.

- (A) have delayed (B) has delayed
(C) has been delayed (D) have been delayed

8. Dramatic changes taking place in the business environment _____ unprecedented challenges for today's SME leaders.

- (A) are generated (B) is generating
(C) have generated (D) generating

10. Some of the advice given by the mentor _____ to be invaluable during the project.

- (A) have proved (B) has proved
(C) proving (D) are proved

Question 11 to 14 refer to the following text message chain.

Lana 2:15 PM

Dayton Paper and Box Company is offering a 15% discount on large orders. That's a great discount, but do you know if our orders are large enough to qualify for it?

Ben 2:20 PM

I assume it requires a pretty large shipment, so if we increase the size of our orders, we might get a lower price.

Lana 2:25 PM

I'm all for it. We could buy a few months' worth of paper all at once. Why don't you give Dayton a call and find out what their minimum bulk order is?

Ben 2:26 PM

I'll do that right away. If it turns out that we'll save money, should I place an order immediately?

Lana 2:27 PM

Yes!

11. Why is Lana doubtful?
(A) Ben works too slowly.
(B) Dayton's prices are too high.
(C) They cannot receive a large shipment.
(D) Their orders may be too small to get discounted
12. What does Ben hope to do?
(A) Ship an order of paper
(B) Receive a different order
(C) Place the next order
(D) Save the company money
13. At 2:25, what does Lana mean when she writes, "I'm all for it"?
(A) Dayton Paper is organizing a big deal.
(B) Bulk orders are necessary for discounts.
(C) If meeting the needs, her company can save the expenditures.
(D) Maximum bulk orders are ideal for benefits.
14. What will Ben probably do next?
(A) Send a large shipment
(B) Organize the movers
(C) Call the paper company
(D) Accept the offer

Question 15 to 16 refer to the following text message chain.

18:45

Lisa: Hey, what time are we meeting for dinner?

18:47

Tom: I thought we were going to grab dessert first?

18:49

Riley: Dessert? I thought we agreed on Italian food!

18:50

Lisa: Oh wait, you're right. We did say we'd go to that Italian place with the amazing pasta!

18:52

Tom: Haha, I was craving dessert. But pasta sounds good. Count me in!

18:55

Riley: Awesome! See you all at 7 PM at the Italian place!

15. What did Tom think the group was originally going to do?
- (A) Have dinner
 - (B) Have dessert
 - (C) Go to a movie
 - (D) Stay at home

16. What does Tom mean when he texts, "Count me in"?
- (A) He wants to eat dessert later.
 - (B) He wants to eat dinner with the group.
 - (C) He wants to decide where they will eat.
 - (D) He wants to meet at a different time.

Question 17 to 20 refer to the following text message chain.

MIA TAYLOR [9:30 A.M.]

Hey, Alex! Our new software update, **Version 4.2**, is ready for deployment next week.

ALEX REED [9:32 A.M.]

Great! I'll make sure the support team is prepped for any customer questions.

MIA TAYLOR [9:34 A.M.]

Good idea. Jessica will send out a detailed training guide by the end of the week. We're planning a webinar to walk the team through the new features.

ALEX REED [9:36 A.M.]

Perfect. Will the webinar be recorded? Some of the team might not be available at that time.

MIA TAYLOR [9:38 A.M.]

Yes, it'll be recorded and available on the internal portal. By the way, I'll send you a temporary access link to the testing environment so your team can practice.

ALEX REED [9:40 A.M.]

That's awesome. Thanks, Mia! I'll keep an eye out for the link.

MIA TAYLOR [9:42 A.M.]

No problem. Let me know if you need anything else!

17. What is Alex's primary role in this discussion?
(A) To train the support team on the new software
(B) To manage customer feedback
(C) To schedule the webinar
(D) To update the software system
18. Why does Mia mention the webinar?
(A) To inform Alex about customer questions
(B) To confirm the team can attend training
(C) To ensure the support team is aware of the training
(D) To announce the software release date
19. What does Alex mean when he asks, "Will the webinar be recorded?"
(A) He is unsure if the team will understand the new features.
(B) He is concerned that some team members won't be available live.
(C) He needs to verify the software's release date.
(D) He wants to practice using the software.
20. What does Mia offer to provide to Alex?
(A) The release date of Version 4.2
(B) Access to the testing environment
(C) A webinar recording
(D) A list of the new features