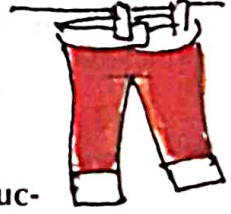


We can use "pair(s) of" such Pair Nouns with a singular or a plural verb.

*This pair of trousers needs cleaning. How have three pairs of scissors managed to disappear?*

—John Eastwood



**26. A single Auxiliary may serve two Principal verbs if the construction allows it.**

(একটি Auxiliary verb গঠন রীতি মেনে দুটি Principal verb-এর সঙ্গে অঙ্কিত হতে পারে।)

*I have lost the pen but (have) got the book.*

[ Common Auxiliary for the same subject and same tense. ]

But when the subjects and tenses are different, common Auxiliary will not serve the purpose.

(Subject এবং tense আলাদা হলে common Auxiliary হয় না।)

*You have retired, but your brother has resigned.*

*I have resigned and a new man has been appointed.*

**27. A clause or a phrase as a subject takes a singular verb.**

(একটি clause বা phrase subject হলে singular verb নেয়।)

মানুষমাত্রেরই ভুল করে—*To err is human.*

সে যে সৎ তা আমি জানি—*That he is honest is known to me.*

### EXERCISE

**1. In each of the following sentences supply a verb in agreement with its subject :**

(নীচের sentence-গুলিতে subject-এর agreement অনুসারে verb বসান।)

- (i) One of the helicopters ..... missing.
- (ii) No news ..... absolutely good news.
- (iii) Neither of the girls ..... quite at her ease.
- (iv) The jury ..... divided in their opinion.
- (v) Each of the robbers ..... arrested.
- (vi) Twenty rupees ..... too much for this article.
- (vii) Two-thirds of the book ..... been lost.
- (viii) Shakespeare is one of the greatest dramatists that ..... ever lived.
- (ix) Which one of these books ..... yours?
- (x) Two tons of coal ..... here.
- (xi) None of the boys ..... done the sum.
- (xii) Iron as well as copper ..... found in India.
- (xiii) The cost of all the necessary articles ..... risen.
- (xiv) The chief with his followers ..... arrived.
- (xv) 'The Arabian Nights' ..... delighted many generations.
- (xvi) None of the girls ..... present in the class.
- (xvii) There ..... a large number of boys in the field.
- (xviii) A number of boys ..... found copying.
- (xix) Here ..... a group of boys.
- (xx) A group of boys ..... going on the road.

