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English II /Stinnett
Subject-Verb Agreement Practice

Directions: Underline the subject in each of the following sentences. Then, underline the verb form in parentheses that agrees in number with its subject. You need to mark through any intervening phrases or clauses.

EXAMPLE: The book ~~about the rain forests~~ (have, has) many beautiful photographs.

1. Our supply of towels (goes, go) very fast.
2. Everyone in the choir (enjoys, enjoy) singing gospel music.
3. Neither the coach nor his players (wants, want) to lose another game.
4. A short story and an excerpt of a novel by Ernest J. Gaines (appears, appear) in this literature collection.
5. The reasons for his success (is, are) easy to see.
6. The chairs or the table (belongs, belong) in the dining room.
7. Either the actors or the directors (asks, ask) for a meeting with the union.
8. The spring rolls, not the sour fish soup, (appear, appears) first on the menu.
9. Mario, along with his sisters, (loves, love) going to the Jacob Lawrence exhibit.
10. The rivalry between the two towns (is, are) very competitive.
11. Several of the trees in the front yard (needs, need) pruning.
12. Neither Leroy nor his father (wants, want) to ride the train all the way to Arkansas.
13. Chinese pot stickers, a popular Chinese appetizer, (taste, tastes) delicious.
14. My parents, as well as my uncle, (owns, own) some Maria Martinez pottery.
15. A booklet with complete instructions (comes, come) with each kit.
16. Tani or Elbert (knows, know) the way to the flea market.
17. The trees on the hillside (prevents, prevent) soil erosion.
18. Neither of the boys (was, were) on time for the yoga lesson.
19. Basil and oregano (is, are) key seasonings for this Italian dish.
20. The use of too many capitals (is, are) as serious a mistake as using too few.