

Agreement with verbs and subjects

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Exercise 1. Use the singular or the plural form of the verbs given in brackets to fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

- Twenty miles _____ (be) a long distance.
- The police _____ (pay) a lot of attention to juvenile delinquency.
- Fifth pounds of potatoes _____ (be) too heavy for one servant to carry.
- Ten minutes _____ (seem) to be a long time to wait.
- Two thousand dollars _____ (be) an unreasonable price for that second-hand lorry.
- None of this meat _____ (be) fresh, I'm not going to buy any from this shop.
- It _____ (be) these boys who _____ (have) made so many mistakes.
- The rich and the poor _____ (be) equal in the eyes of the law.
- It _____ (be) I who should be blamed.
- None of your models _____ (be) carefully labeled.
- Gold, as well as iron, _____ (be) found in Mexico.
- None of the boys here _____ (be) known to me.
- The jewel, together with my passport, _____ (have) been stolen.
- She who _____ (be) beautiful will have a head-start in life.
- The principal, with all the teachers, _____ (be) present at the meeting.
- The building, with its contents, _____ (be) insured.
- Mr Wong, accompanied by his wife, _____ (attend) the social gathering.
- Tom, together with David, _____ (be) going to visit us on Sunday morning.
- It _____ (be) my mother who _____ (cook) food for us.
- He who _____ (work) hard will succeed in life.

Exercise 2. In each of the following questions, decide which one of the four choices would most suitably complete the sentence if inserted at the place marked.

- One thousand dollars... too much for that bicycle.
A. is B. are C. has been D. have been
- Neither Mr. Wong nor his brothers... to Ocean Park yet.
A. has been B. are C. is D. have been
- We bought four detective novels but none of them... cheap.
A. is B. being C. was D. were
- Many a man ... see the importance of home education for children.
A. have not B. has not C. does not... D. do not
- Only one or two athletes ... chosen for the Joint School Sports Day last month.
A. was B. were C. is D. are