The Simple Sentence: Advanced Grammar
Subject-Verb Agreement — Practice 3

Instructions. [Based on what you learned in this lesson](#) about the simple and complex subjects, write the following sentences including the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

Example: One of my friends **(is / are)** traveling around the world.

Your Sentence: One of my friends is traveling around the world.

When you are done, see "Answer Key" to check your answers.

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1. Some members of my family **(was / were)** born in Guatemala.

   Your Sentence:

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2. Learning science and mathematics **(was / were)** fun in my high school.

   Your Sentence:

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3. The large number of grammar mistakes **(makes / make)** it difficult to read your written work.

   Your Sentence:

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4. The number of students choosing science majors **(has / have)** increased recently.

   Your Sentence:

5. Young children's behavior on social media **(has to / have to)** change before someone gets in trouble.

    Your Sentence:

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6. The answer key to these exercises **(is / are)** at the end of the chapter.

    Your Sentence:

    _____

7. A serious flaw in your ideas **(is / are)** that you present no evidence.

    Your Sentence:

    _____

8. Drinking plenty of fluids, especially in the summer months, **(helps / help)** keep you hydrated.

    Your Sentence:

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9. According to recent studies, children raised by only one parent **(does / do)** just as well in school as those raised in two-parent households.

    Your Sentence:

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10. Researchers working in universities around the world **(has / have)** found an explanation for this phenomenon.

    Your Sentence:

Answer Key

1- Some members of my family **(was / were)** born in Guatemala.

Your Sentence: Some members of my family were born in Guatemala.

(The simple subject is "some members," which is plural)

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2. Learning science and mathematics **(was / were)** fun in my high school.

Your Sentence: Learning science and mathematics was fun in my high school.

(The simple subject is "learning," which is singular.)

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3. The large number of grammar mistakes **(makes / make)** it difficult to read your written work.

Your Sentence: The large number of grammar mistakes makes it difficult to read your written work.

(The simple subject is "the large number," which is singular.)

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4. The number of students choosing science majors **(has / have)** increased recently.

Your Sentence: The number of students choosing science majors has increased recently.

(The simple subject is "the number," which is singular.)

5. Young children's behavior on social media **(has to / have to)** change before someone gets in trouble.

   Your Sentence: Young children's behavior on social media has to change before someone gets in trouble.

   (The simple subject is "behavior," which is singular.)

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6. The answer key to these exercises **(is / are)** at the end of the chapter.

   Your Sentence: The answer key to these exercises is at the end of the chapter.

   (The simple subject is "the answer key," which is singular.)

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7. A serious flaw in your ideas **(is / are)** that you present no evidence.

   Your Sentence: A serious flaw in your ideas is that you present no evidence.

   (The simple subject is "a flaw," which is singular.)

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8. Drinking plenty of fluids, especially in the summer months, **(helps / help)** keep you hydrated.

   Your Sentence: Drinking plenty of fluids, especially in the summer months, helps keep you hydrated.

   (The simple subject is "drinking," which is singular.)

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9. According to recent studies, children raised by only one parent **(does / do)** just as well in school as those raised in two-parent households.

   Your Sentence: According to recent studies, children raised by only one parent do just as well in school as those raised in two-parent households.

   (The simple subject is "children," which is plural.)

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10. Researchers working in universities around the world **(has / have)** found an explanation for this phenomenon.

    Your Sentence: Researchers working in universities around the world have found an explanation for this phenomenon.

    (The simple subject is "researchers," which is plural.)