

# SUBJECT AND VERB AGREEMENT

(Sự hòa hợp giữa chủ ngữ và động từ)

## A. Trường hợp dùng động từ ở dạng số ít

\_ Khi chủ ngữ là những danh từ có hình thức số nhiều nhưng thực tế chúng là những danh từ số ít ( những danh từ đề cập đến các môn học, chứng bệnh, danh từ riêng ).

+ News

+ Diseases : measles, mumps, rickets,.....

+ Subject : Linguistics , Economies , Physic , Phonetics , pholitics,....

+ Proper nouns : Algiers, Athens , Brussels, Marseilles, The United States, The United Nations, Wales,.....

Ex1. Mathematics **is** fun.

Ex2. The United States **lies** between Canada and Mexico.

\_ Khi chủ ngữ là danh từ chỉ tiền bạc, thời gian, khoảng cách.

Ex. Three years **is** a long time to wait.

\_ Khi chủ ngữ là 1 đại từ bất định : each, any, one, everyone, someone, anyone, every, either, neither, another, something.....

Ex1. Each of the boys **has** a bicycle.

Ex2. Someone **has taken** my pencil.

\_ Khi chủ ngữ là 1 mệnh đề.

Ex. That you get high mark in school **is** very good.

\_ Khi những chủ ngữ đều ở số ít được nối kết với nhau bằng : with, as well as, together with, along with, no less than,....thì động từ ở ngôi thứ 3 số ít.

Ex1. The old man with his dog **passes** my house every morning.

Ex2. Mr. Johnson as well as his assistants **has arrived**.

## B. Trường hợp dùng động từ ở dạng số nhiều.

\_ Khi hai hay nhiều chủ ngữ được nối kết với nhau bằng : and

Ex. Lan and Tam **are** classmates in this school year.

\_ Khi chủ ngữ là 1 đại từ : several, both, many, few, all, some.

Ex. Several of the students **are** absent.

\_ Khi chủ ngữ là 1 danh từ được thành lập bởi mạo từ The+Adjective để chỉ 1 nhóm người có chung 1 đặc điểm hay phẩm chất : The poor, The rich, The blind,....

Ex. The poor living here **need** help.

C. **Động từ có thể dùng số ít hoặc số nhiều tùy trường hợp.**

\_ Hai chủ ngữ nối kết với nhau bằng : Either.....Or , Neither.....Nor , Or , Not only.....But also thì động từ phù hợp với chủ ngữ thứ 2.

Ex1. Neither her mother nor her father **wants** her to be a teacher.

Ex2. Either he or I **am** going to to come.

\_ The number of : động từ ở ngôi thứ 3 số ít.

A number of : động từ ở ngôi thứ 3 số nhiều.

Ex1. The number of books in the library **is** large.

Ex2. A number of students **are** ready for the exam.

\_ Một danh từ tập hợp như : family, group, team,.....là tập hợp nhiều cá nhân trong cùng đơn vị, tùy theo ý nghĩa mà động từ ở dạng số ít hay số nhiều.

Ex. The family **is** the basic unit of society.

The family **have** the same ideas.

\_ Khi danh từ đứng sau các thành ngữ chỉ phân số hay tỷ lệ mà làm chủ ngữ ( one third of the....., Half of the....., All of the.....) thì động từ có thể ở ngôi thứ 3 số ít hay ngôi thứ 3 số nhiều tùy theo danh từ làm chủ ngữ đó số ít hoặc số nhiều.

Ex1. One third of the oranges **are** mine.

One third of the milk **is** enough.

Ex2. All of the students **have** been rewarded.

All of the money **has** been spent.

**EXERCISES**

**I. Use the right forms of the verbs.**

1. Three months (be) a long time to wait.
2. Five dollars (be) too much to pay for that book.
3. A number of books (be) on the table.
4. The number of students in this class (be) limited to thirty.
5. It (be) my two brothers who (be) hurt.
6. It (be) the children playing upstairs.
7. Neither of the answers (be) correct.
8. Neither (be) to blame.
9. Everybody (have) a good time.
10. Either your key or my key (be) missing.

11. John or his brothers (be) going to help me.
12. Bread and butter (be) all he asked for.
13. The author and lecturer (be) arriving today.
14. My old friend and colleague, George (be) in town.
15. The pen and paper (be) on the desk.
16. Jim and Joe (be) roommates.
17. The boxes of candy (be) on the table.
18. The package of cigarettes (be) on the table.
19. Oranges and cream (be) perishable and should be refrigerated.
20. Oranges and tangerine (be) delicious.
21. Most of the members (be) happy.
22. Half of the students (be) looking out.
23. Some of the sugar (was/were) spilt on the floor.
24. There (be) plenty of time.
25. There (be) a lot of lakes.
26. I, your master, (command) you.
27. My wife, not my friends, ( is waiting/are waiting) for me.
28. Early to bed and early to rise (make) a man healthy, wealthy and wise.
29. Either the mayor or the eldermen (be) to blame.
30. Not John but his brothers (be) to blame.
31. A fever, a mutilation, a cruel disappointment, a loss of wealth, a loss of friends (seem) at the moment untold loss.
32. A cart and horse (was/were) seen at a distance.
33. Her principal anxiety (was/were) her children.
34. Nobody not John and William (was/were) there.
35. Man, no less than the lower forms of life (be) a product of the evolutionary process.
36. The girl, as well as the boys, (has/have) learnt to ride.
37. The bat together with the ball (was/were) stolen.
38. The newspaper and the dictionary (be) on the table.
39. Here (be) bread and the dictionary.
40. Here (be) bread and butter for breakfast.
41. The ship with its load of timer (be) leaving the port today.
42. Noone (be) eager to be examined the first.
43. It (be) her lies that ( irritake) me so much.
44. Three fourths of the wall (be) painted.

45. Two fifths of the members (be) present.
46. Two times two (make) four.
47. Two 2's (make ) four.
48. Two plus two (be) four.
49. How many (be) six and five?
50. Nine from fourteen (be) five.
51. Twenty years (be) not a long period of time in human history.
52. Five dimes (make) fifty cents.
53. Five dollars (be) a small sum.
54. “ The three Musketeers” (be) written by Alexandre Dumas.
55. You don't have to say much , a word or two (be) sufficient.
56. These (be) one or two things I'd like to talk over with you.
57. The number of new books in our library (be) ever growing.
58. A number of new books in our library (be) displayed at the book show.
59. Our only guide ( be) stars.
60. There (be) a lot of traffic on this road.

## **II.Choose the corect answer in the parentheses**

1. Every one of the students (is, are) required to take the final test.
2. None of animals at the zoo (is, are) free. All of them (is, are) in enclosures
3. A numbers of students at the university (is, are) approximately 10,000.
4. One of the chief materials in bones and teeths (is, are) calcium.
5. ( Do, does) all of the children have their books?
6. ( Do, does) all of this homework have to finished by tomorrow?
7. Why ( was,were) some of the students excutes from the examination?
8. Why ( was,were) one of the students excutes from the examination?
9. What percentage of the earth's surface (is, are) covered by water?
10. What percentage of the people in the world (is, are) illiterate?
- 11.( Do, does) any of you know the answer to that question?
12. There (isn't, aren't) any letters in the mail for you today.
13. There (isn't, aren't) any mail for you today
14. There (is, are) a lot of problem in the world
15. There (is, are) a fly in this room. Where's the flyswatter?
16. There (is, are) over 600,000 kinds of insects in the world.

17. How many kinds of birds (is, are) there in the world?
18. Why (isn't, aren't) there a hospital close to those villages?
19. There (is, are) a green pen on Tim's desk.
20. There (is, are) a blue pen and a yellow notebook on Sue's desk.
21. There (is, are) some pens and a notebook on Jack's desk
22. The United States ( has,have) a population of 250 million
23. The news about Mr. Hogan (is, are) surprising
24. Massachusetts (is, are) a state in the Northeastern part of the United States.
25. Physics(seek,seeks) to understand the mysteries of the physical world.
26. Statistics (is, are) a branch of mathematics
27. The Statistics in that report on oil production (is, are) incorrect
28. Fifteen minutes (is, are) maximum length of time allowed for the exam.
29. Twenty dollars (is, are) an unreasonable price for the necklace.
30. Many people in the world (do,does) not have enough to eat.
31. The police (is, are) prepared in case there is a riot.
32. The English (is, are) proud, independent people.
33. English (is, are) not my native language.
34. Many Japanese ( commutes, commute) to their places of work.
35. Portuguese (is, are) somewhat similar to Spanish, (isn't, aren't) it?
36. The poor (is, are) helped by government program
37. John, along with twenty friends (is, are) planning a party.
38. The picture of the soldiers (bring, brings) back many memories.
39. The quality of these recordings (is, are) not very good.
40. If the duties of these officers (isn't, aren't) reduced, there will not be enough time to finish the project.
41. The effects of cigarette smoking ( has,have) been proven( chung minh) to be extremely harmful.
42. " The use of credit card in place of cash ( has,have) increased rapidly in recent years.  
Advertisement on TV (is, are) becoming more competitive than ever before.
43. Living expenses in this country, as well as in many others, (is, are) at an all time high.
44. Mr. Jones, accompanied(cung voi) by several members of the committee, ( has,have) proposed some changes of the rules.
45. The levels of intoxication (vary, varies) from the subject to subject.

**The end**