

SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT EXERCISES (LBH)

Exercise 29.1: Subject-verb agreement

Question 1.

The main problem facing most Texas cities _____ how to control killer bees.

is
are

Question 2.

Either the press secretary or one of his associates _____ to alert the media as soon as the decision has been reached.

are
is

Question 3.

Neither law nor order _____ relevant to this discussion.

are
is

Question 4.

_____ everybody reading the same chapters in the book?

is
are

Question 5.

Sara Myong, along with two of her staff members, _____ become very active in the state association.

has
have

Question 6.

Which of you _____ read Nathaniel Hawthorne's The Scarlet Letter before?

has
have

Question 7.

Doctors, writers, and many famous people _____ been diagnosed with dyslexia.

has
have

Question 8.

For years the store owner, as well as other property owners, _____ the need for better security.

- have felt
- has felt

Question 9.

Although it's a tough course, Statistics _____ many students learn the importance of quantitative analysis.

- has helped
- have helped

Question 10.

The end of communism throughout many parts of the globe _____ life as we know it.

- has changed
 - have changed
-

Exercise 29.2: Subject-verb agreement

Question 1.

Only one of these underlying causes _____ thought to involve the way the brain functions.

- is
- are

Question 2.

The largest group of letters _____ the shortest in height, a, c, e, g, m, n, o, q, r, s, u, v, w, x, y, and z.

- is
- are

Question 3.

All of the shortest letters _____ half the size of the tallest letters.

- is
- are

Question 4.

That couple _____ the best in the dance contest.

- were
- was

Question 5.

The young couple _____ pleased with their job offers after graduating from college.

- were
- was

Question 6.

A conversation with three of the teachers _____ Robert new hope about improving his grades.

have given
has given

Question 7.

Your high school football team _____ most of its games.

wins
win

Question 8.

Large corporations and small businesses _____ that their air pollution was not the cause of the heat wave.

believes
believe

Question 9.

High overall intelligence and milder reading problems _____ to more likely improvement.

lead
leads

Question 10.

The basketball team _____ about which game was the toughest.

disagrees
disagree

Exercise 29.3: Subject-verb agreement: -s or -es endings

Question 1.

Success _____ hard work.

rewards
reward

Question 2.

The workshops and conferences _____ many guidelines for helping under prepared students to achieve their potential.

offers
offer

Question 3.

Most of the families in my neighborhood _____ the building of the new power plant.

- opposes
- oppose

Question 4.

The cutest one of the kittens _____ all day on the front porch.

- sleeps
- sleep

Question 5.

My mother's expectations _____ me to succeed in college

- encourage
- encourages

Question 6.

Select the verb that agrees with the subject.

Either local television or radio stations _____ school delays and closings during the winter

- announce
- announces

Question 7.

The college _____ for conferences as a part of its faculty development program.

- pays
- pay

Question 8.

High prices and low interest rates _____ a period of inflation.

- indicate
- indicates

Question 9.

Ben is the only one of the students who _____ class because he sleeps through his alarm clock.

- miss
- misses

Question 10.

The pitcher and the relief hurler _____ on the sidelines.

- practices
- practice

Exercise 29.4: Subject-verb agreement: Indefinite pronouns

Question 1.

Everyone in the class _____ these exercises to be beneficial.

has found
have found

Question 2.

Each of the students _____ wearing a colorful outfit at the picnic.

were
was

Question 3.

Everyone, including the parents, _____ yelling when the game ended.

was
were

Question 4.

Everyone, even the majority of Americans, _____ to learn more about recycling trash.

need
needs

Question 5.

Anyone wanting to enhance their lives _____ to take a computer class.

need
needs

Question 6.

Several of the ethnic communities in our city _____ as old as the city itself.

are
is

Question 7.

Few _____ the wish to be silent.

have
has

Question 8.

Each of the children _____ giggling or laughing

were
was

Question 9.

Some of the water in our yards _____ from a hole in the drainage pipe.

enters

enter

Question 10.

All of the herbs the chef uses _____ from his own garden.

comes

come