

25.1 Subject and Verb Agreement (Compound Subjects) • Practice 2

Exercise 1 Making Compound Subjects Agree With Their Verbs. Write the verb form from parentheses that agrees with the subject in each sentence.

EXAMPLE: Either Kelly or Jim plays the lead role. (play, plays)

1. The door and the window _____ stuck. (is, are)
2. Neither Mother nor Father _____ phoned. (has, have)
3. The dog or the cats _____ always howling. (is, are)
4. Apples and bananas _____ been my favorite fruits for years. (has, have)
5. Mary or Louise _____ to the bridge club. (belongs, belong)
6. Each morning Tom or the children _____ fresh rolls at the bakery. (buys, buy)
7. Both the man with the appliances and the plumber _____ arrived. (has, have)
8. My son and daughter _____ never been so cooperative. (has, have)
9. Mark and David _____ in the office yet. (isn't, aren't)
10. Two large packages and a letter _____ delivered. (was, were)
11. Either the children or I _____ into town for the mail. (walks, walk)
12. Joan and Ellen _____ called in a month. (hasn't, haven't)
13. My car or Ted's _____ always available. (is, are)
14. His messiness and my chattering _____ Mother. (annoys, annoy)
15. Every cup and saucer _____ broken in the move. (was, were)

Exercise 2 Making Compound Subjects Agree With Their Verbs in Sentences. Write a sentence for each compound subject, making sure that the compound subject and verb agree.

EXAMPLE: time and temperature

The time and temperature are displayed on the sign in front of the bank.

1. neither Jason nor Julie

2. radio and television

3. computers and the Internet

4. beets, carrots, or celery

5. an apple or a banana
