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Subject and Verb Agreement (Confusing Subjects) • Practice 2

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

EXAMPLE: All of the apples are rotten. (is, are)

- Near the top of the closet _____ an old electric fan. (is, are)
- The committee _____ been unable to reach an agreement. (has, have)
- Rich foods _____ one cause of oily skin. (is, are)
- Economics _____ my sister's major in college. (was, were)
- _____ exotic plants thrive in this climate? (Do, Does)
- The group of tourists _____ left on the bus. (has, have)
- The jury _____ left their seats but will soon return. (has, have)
- He said that civics _____ his favorite subject. (was, were)
- _____ some of the soup still available? (Is, Are)
- _____ more volunteers for the clean-up crew. (Here's, Here are)
- The problem at the picnic _____ bees. (was, were)
- There _____ two excellent reasons for his choice. (is, are)
- Politics _____ one of his major interests. (was, were)
- The entire faculty _____ voiced their opinions. (has, have)
- _____ the captains of both teams. (There's, There are)
- Green Mansions* _____ her favorite novel. (is, are)
- There _____ only one possible explanation. (is, are)
- Another example of the area's underdevelopment _____ the narrow dirt roads. (is, are)
- Mumps _____ a dangerous disease for adults. (is, are)
- The team _____ has been squabbling with each other again. (has, have)

Exercise 2 More Work With Confusing Subjects. Write the verb form from parentheses that agrees with the subject of each sentence.

- One of the girls _____ hurt on the soccer field. (was, were)
- Few _____ volunteered for the assignment. (has, have)
- Somebody in the room above _____ to be quite ill. (seems, seem)
- Several of the contestants _____ arrived. (has, have)
- Some of the food _____ not cooked thoroughly. (was, were)
- Ten dollars _____ an outrageous price for the book. (is, are)
- Each of the guards _____ sworn allegiance. (has, have)
- Why _____ everyone so unhappy? (is, are)
- None of the cakes _____ thrown away. (was, were)
- Three fourths of the fence _____ installed. (was, were)