

Subject-Verb Agreement E

A pronoun that does not refer to a definite person, place, thing, or idea is called an *indefinite pronoun*.

- 17d.** The following indefinite pronouns are singular: *anybody, anyone, anything, each, either, everybody, everyone, everything, neither, nobody, no one, nothing, one, somebody, someone, and something*.
- 17e.** The following indefinite pronouns are plural: *both, few, many, several*.
- 17f.** The indefinite pronouns *all, any, more, most, none, and some* may be either singular or plural, depending on their meaning in a sentence.

EXERCISE A In each of the following sentences, underline the correct indefinite pronoun in parentheses.

Example 1. (All, Many) of the fruit has been put in the refrigerator.

- (One, Several) of my sisters runs in the marathon every year.
- (Many, Nobody) is predicting rain for tomorrow.
- (Everyone, Several) wears a coat in this weather.
- (One, Many) of us sometimes forget to bring lunch.
- (Both, Each) of my brothers like algebra.
- (None, No one) of the performances take place outside.
- (Someone, Few) are strong enough to swim across the English Channel.
- (All, Neither) have seen that movie.
- (Each, Most) has an opinion about the review in the newspaper.
- (Somebody, Both) have been given that responsibility.

EXERCISE B Circle the indefinite pronoun in each of the following sentences. Then, underline the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

Example 1. (Most) of the potatoes (*has, have*) been harvested.

- Everybody (*is, are*) welcome at the skating party.
- I hope nobody (*forgets, forget*) to bring skates.
- Many of my friends (*is, are*) good skaters.
- All of us (*enjoys, enjoy*) the music at the skating rink.
- Most of the music (*is, are*) popular dance music.

EXERCISE B

11. ^PSome of my cousins (*is, are*) in musical bands.
12. ^PAll of my classmates (*listens, listen*) to them.
13. ^PAny of the bands (*plays, play*) for private parties.
14. ^PNone of our neighbors ever (*complains, complain*) when they practice.
15. ^SMost of their music (*is, are*) enjoyable.

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|-------------|----------|
| 1. One | 6. None |
| 2. Nobody | 7. Few |
| 3. Everyone | 8. All |
| 4. Many | 9. Each |
| 5. Both | 10. Both |

EXERCISE B

11. ^SEverybody (*is, are*) welcome at the skating party.
12. I hope ^Snobody (*forgets, forget*) to bring skates.
13. ^SMany of my friends (*is, are*) good skaters.
14. ^SAll of us (*enjoys, enjoy*) the music at the skating rink.
15. ^SMost of the music (*is, are*) popular dance music.

Subject-Verb Agreement F, p. 149**EXERCISE A**

1. ^PAcids and bases (*is, are*) one of our topics in science class.
2. ^PRed litmus paper and blue litmus paper (*is, are*) used to show the presence of acids or bases.
3. ^PSome food and common household items (*contains, contain*) acids.

4. ^S(*Does, Do*) macaroni and cheese contain acids?
5. ^PCitrus fruit and vinegar (*makes, make*) good test items.
6. ^SEither a lemon or a lime (*is, are*) easy to test.
7. ^PLemon juice and other acids (*turns, turn*) blue litmus paper red.
8. ^PVinegar and lemon juice (*contains, contain*) acids.
9. ^PNeither lemons nor limes (*is, are*) bases.
10. ^PAcids and bases (*combines, combine*) to make salts.

EXERCISE B

11. ^SEither baking soda or soap are a salt.
12. ^SFats or oils is added to bases to make soap.
13. ^CAre plaster and cement made with bases?
14. ^SThe acidity or alkalinity of a solution are expressed as a pH value.
15. ^CA pH value as low as 0 or one as high as 7 indicates acidity.

Subject-Verb Agreement G, p. 150**EXERCISE A**

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| 1. ^{Coll} flock | 6. ^{Coll} group |
| 2. ^{Coll} team | 7. ^{Not} house |
| 3. ^{Not} boards | 8. ^{Coll} batch |
| 4. ^{Coll} faculty | 9. ^{Coll} squadron |
| 5. ^{Not} book | 10. ^{Not} clothes |

EXERCISE B

Some answers may vary. Students should be able to explain their choices.

11. ^PThe pack of wild dogs (*has, have*) scattered in all directions upon hearing the noise.
12. ^SEach morning the herd (*go, goes*) all together to the watering hole.
[or Each morning the herd (*go, goes*) to the watering hole.]