

for CHAPTER 17: AGREEMENT **pages 465–66**

Subject-Verb Agreement F

17g. Subjects joined by *and* usually take a plural verb.

A compound subject that names only one person or thing takes a singular verb.

17h. Singular subjects joined by *or* or *nor* take a singular verb.

Plural subjects joined by *or* or *nor* take a plural verb.

17i. When a singular subject and a plural subject are joined by *or* or *nor*, the verb agrees with the subject nearer the verb.

EXERCISE A Above the compound subject, write *S* if it is singular or *P* if it is plural. Then, underline the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

Example 1. Acids and bases (^{*P*}*is, are*) interesting.

- Acids and bases (*is, are*) one of our topics in science class.
- Red litmus paper and blue litmus paper (*is, are*) used to show the presence of acids or bases.
- Some food and common household items (*contains, contain*) acids.
- (*Does, Do*) macaroni and cheese contain acids?
- Citrus fruit and vinegar (*make, makes*) good test items.
- Either a lemon or a lime (*is, are*) easy to test.
- Lemon juice and other acids (*turns, turn*) blue litmus paper red.
- Vinegar and lemon juice (*contains, contain*) acids.
- Neither lemons nor limes (*is, are*) bases.
- Acids and bases (*combines, combine*) to make salts.

EXERCISE B If the underlined verb in each of the following sentences does not agree with the subject, write the correct form of the verb above it. If the verb form is already correct, write *C* above it.

Example 1. Experiments and observations ^{*play*}plays an important role in science.

- Either baking soda or soap are a salt.
- Fats or oils is added to bases to make soap.
- Are plaster and cement made with bases?
- The acidity or alkalinity of a solution are expressed as a pH value.
- A pH value as low as 0 or one as high as 7 indicates acidity.

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.

Subject-Verb Agreement E, p. 148**EXERCISE A**

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

4. (*Does, Do*) macaroni and cheese ^Scontain acids?
5. Citrus fruit and vinegar ^P(*makes, make*) good test items.
6. Either a lemon or a lime ^S(*is, are*) easy to test.
7. Lemon juice and other acids ^P(*turns, turn*) blue litmus paper red.
8. Vinegar and lemon juice ^P(*contains, contain*) acids.
9. Neither lemons nor limes ^P(*is, are*) bases.
10. Acids and bases ^P(*combines, combine*) to make salts.

EXERCISE B

11. Either baking soda or soap ^Sare a salt.
12. Fats or oils ^{are}is added to bases to make soap.
13. ^CAre plaster and cement made with bases?
14. The acidity or alkalinity of a solution ^Sare expressed as a pH value.
15. A pH value as low as 0 or one as high as 7 ^Cindicates acidity.

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

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

EXERCISE B

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

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