

Subject-Verb Agreement H

17k. When the subject follows the verb, find the subject and make sure that the verb agrees with it.

The subject usually follows the verb in questions and in sentences beginning with *here* or *there*.

EXAMPLES When **are Oscar** and **Ana** leaving for the party?
 There **are** the **gifts**.
 Here's the **invitation** to the party.

EXERCISE A Underline the subject and the correct word or word group in parentheses in each of the following sentences.

Example 1. Where (is, *are*) the substitute teacher?

1. Here (*is*, *are*) the worksheets for today's class.
2. (*There's*, *There are*) an answer key in the locked desk drawer.
3. On the chalkboard (*is*, *are*) written the instructions.
4. Where (*is*, *are*) the other assignments for the class?
5. Oh, there (*is*, *are*) the dictionary.
6. (*Who's*, *Who are*) the student assistant today?
7. (*Is*, *Are*) both of you assistants?
8. Over here (*is*, *are*) the papers for the students.
9. (*Was*, *Were*) there enough copies for everyone?
10. (*Here's*, *Here are*) one more copy.

EXERCISE B In each of the following sentences, underline the subject once and the verb twice. Above the verb, write *C* for *correct* if the subject and verb agree. If they do not agree, write the correct form of the verb.

Example 1. Here's ^{*are*} the donations for the relief fund.

11. There are several places in need of volunteers in our community.
12. What is the types of volunteer activities available?
13. Here's a list of community centers and hospitals.
14. On one of these pages are a parental consent form.
15. There's several locations in immediate need of your help.

13. The audience (^P*was, were*) taking notes, sitting quietly, or sleeping.
14. The fleet (^S*sail, sails*) home tomorrow.
15. The group of students (^S*sit, sits*) one by one on the bench outside the school.
16. (^P*Are, Is*) the visiting chorus staying at several guest houses?
17. During the semester the faculty (^P*is, are*) helping the students with fund-raisers. [or During the semester the faculty (^S*is, are*) helping the students with fund-raisers.]
18. The faculty (^P*is, are*) meeting with their team captains in their classrooms.
19. The flock (^S*fly, flies*) over this area each autumn.
20. The set (^P*is, are*) all in perfect condition except for the one you cracked.

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EXERCISE A

- Here (*is, are*) the worksheets for today's class.
- (*There's, There are*) an answer key in the locked desk drawer.
- On the chalkboard (*is, are*) written the instructions.
- Where (*is, are*) the other assignments for the class?
- Oh, there (*is, are*) the dictionary.
- (*Who's, Who are*) the student assistant today?
- (*Is, Are*) both of you assistants?
- Over here (*is, are*) the papers for the students.

- (*Was, Were*) there enough copies for everyone?
- (*Here's, Here are*) one more copy.

EXERCISE B

- There are several places in need of volunteers in our community.
- What is the types of volunteer activities available?
- Here's a list of community centers and hospitals.
- On one of these pages are a parental consent form.
- There's several locations in immediate need of your help.

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| 1. Is | 8. are | 15. is |
| 2. is | 9. is | 16. Are |
| 3. have | 10. was | 17. was |
| 4. was | 11. Was | 18. is |
| 5. equals | 12. is | 19. makes |
| 6. is | 13. were | 20. is |
| 7. Does | 14. is | |

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| 1. is | 11. was |
| 2. is | 12. was |
| 3. was | 13. sponsors |
| 4. Does | 14. is |
| 5. has | 15. is |
| 6. takes | 16. accepts |
| 7. is | 17. shares |
| 8. was | 18. was |
| 9. Is | 19. shows |
| 10. is | 20. is |