

## SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT EXERCISES (LBH)

### Exercise 29.1: Subject-verb agreement

#### Question 1.

The main problem facing most Texas cities \_\_\_\_\_ how to control killer bees.

is  
are

#### Question 2.

Either the press secretary or one of his associates \_\_\_\_\_ to alert the media as soon as the decision has been reached.

are  
is

#### Question 3.

Neither law nor order \_\_\_\_\_ relevant to this discussion.

are  
is

#### Question 4.

\_\_\_\_\_ everybody reading the same chapters in the book?

is  
are

#### Question 5.

Sara Myong, along with two of her staff members, \_\_\_\_\_ become very active in the state association.

has  
have

#### Question 6.

Which of you \_\_\_\_\_ read Nathaniel Hawthorne's The Scarlet Letter before?

has  
have

#### Question 7.

Doctors, writers, and many famous people \_\_\_\_\_ been diagnosed with dyslexia.

has  
have

**Question 8.**

For years the store owner, as well as other property owners, \_\_\_\_\_ the need for better security.

- have felt
- has felt

**Question 9.**

Although it's a tough course, Statistics \_\_\_\_\_ many students learn the importance of quantitative analysis.

- has helped
- have helped

**Question 10.**

The end of communism throughout many parts of the globe \_\_\_\_\_ life as we know it.

- has changed
  - have changed
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**Exercise 29.2: Subject-verb agreement**

**Question 1.**

Only one of these underlying causes \_\_\_\_\_ thought to involve the way the brain functions.

- is
- are

**Question 2.**

The largest group of letters \_\_\_\_\_ the shortest in height, a, c, e, g, m, n, o, q, r, s, u, v, w, x, y, and z.

- is
- are

**Question 3.**

All of the shortest letters \_\_\_\_\_ half the size of the tallest letters.

- is
- are

**Question 4.**

That couple \_\_\_\_\_ the best in the dance contest.

- were
- was

**Question 5.**

The young couple \_\_\_\_\_ pleased with their job offers after graduating from college.

- were
- was

**Question 6.**

A conversation with three of the teachers \_\_\_\_\_ Robert new hope about improving his grades.

have given  
has given

**Question 7.**

Your high school football team \_\_\_\_\_ most of its games.

wins  
win

**Question 8.**

Large corporations and small businesses \_\_\_\_\_ that their air pollution was not the cause of the heat wave.

believes  
believe

**Question 9.**

High overall intelligence and milder reading problems \_\_\_\_\_ to more likely improvement.

lead  
leads

**Question 10.**

The basketball team \_\_\_\_\_ about which game was the toughest.

disagrees  
disagree

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**Exercise 29.3: Subject-verb agreement: -s or -es endings**

**Question 1.**

Success \_\_\_\_\_ hard work.

rewards  
reward

**Question 2.**

The workshops and conferences \_\_\_\_\_ many guidelines for helping under prepared students to achieve their potential.

offers  
offer

**Question 3.**

Most of the families in my neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_ the building of the new power plant.

- opposes
- oppose

**Question 4.**

The cutest one of the kittens \_\_\_\_\_ all day on the front porch.

- sleeps
- sleep

**Question 5.**

My mother's expectations \_\_\_\_\_ me to succeed in college

- encourage
- encourages

**Question 6.**

Select the verb that agrees with the subject.

Either local television or radio stations \_\_\_\_\_ school delays and closings during the winter

- announce
- announces

**Question 7.**

The college \_\_\_\_\_ for conferences as a part of its faculty development program.

- pays
- pay

**Question 8.**

High prices and low interest rates \_\_\_\_\_ a period of inflation.

- indicate
- indicates

**Question 9.**

Ben is the only one of the students who \_\_\_\_\_ class because he sleeps through his alarm clock.

- miss
- misses

**Question 10.**

The pitcher and the relief hurler \_\_\_\_\_ on the sidelines.

- practices
- practice

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**Exercise 29.4: Subject-verb agreement: Indefinite pronouns**

**Question 1.**

Everyone in the class \_\_\_\_\_ these exercises to be beneficial.

has found  
have found

**Question 2.**

Each of the students \_\_\_\_\_ wearing a colorful outfit at the picnic.

were  
was

**Question 3.**

Everyone, including the parents, \_\_\_\_\_ yelling when the game ended.

was  
were

**Question 4.**

Everyone, even the majority of Americans, \_\_\_\_\_ to learn more about recycling trash.

need  
needs

**Question 5.**

Anyone wanting to enhance their lives \_\_\_\_\_ to take a computer class.

need  
needs

**Question 6.**

Several of the ethnic communities in our city \_\_\_\_\_ as old as the city itself.

are  
is

**Question 7.**

Few \_\_\_\_\_ the wish to be silent.

have  
has

**Question 8.**

Each of the children \_\_\_\_\_ giggling or laughing

were  
was

**Question 9.**

Some of the water in our yards \_\_\_\_\_ from a hole in the drainage pipe.

enters

enter

**Question 10.**

All of the herbs the chef uses \_\_\_\_\_ from his own garden.

comes

come