

# UNIT 4 SUBJECT AND VERB MUST AGREE IN NUMBER

## TEST A

Copy the verb that agrees in number with its subject. [3 points each]

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| 1  | We ( <i>was, were</i> ) the first to arrive.                             | 1  | _____ |
| 2  | My father ( <i>doesn't, don't</i> ) care for fishing.                    | 2  | _____ |
| 3  | Either Ralph or Carmen ( <i>have, has</i> ) your keys.                   | 3  | _____ |
| 4  | The noise of the explosions ( <i>was, were</i> ) heard in the next town. | 4  | _____ |
| 5  | One of the stories ( <i>is, are</i> ) about a fight with an octopus.     | 5  | _____ |
| 6  | ( <i>Don't, Doesn't</i> ) one of your friends live in Hollywood?         | 6  | _____ |
| 7  | A school and a library ( <i>are, is</i> ) close to our home.             | 7  | _____ |
| 8  | One of these pictures ( <i>show, shows</i> ) our cottage.                | 8  | _____ |
| 9  | How much ( <i>is, are</i> ) the sugared doughnuts?                       | 9  | _____ |
| 10 | The furnishings of the room ( <i>look, looks</i> ) shabby.               | 10 | _____ |
| 11 | Only one of these books ( <i>contains, contain</i> ) the information.    | 11 | _____ |
| 12 | A little lemon juice or vanilla ( <i>improve, improves</i> ) the flavor. | 12 | _____ |
| 13 | One of these faucets ( <i>doesn't, don't</i> ) work.                     | 13 | _____ |
| 14 | The coach and the referee ( <i>were, was</i> ) discussing the play.      | 14 | _____ |
| 15 | There ( <i>was, were</i> ) dozens of people around the car.              | 15 | _____ |
| 16 | At that time his two brothers ( <i>were, was</i> ) in the army.          | 16 | _____ |
| 17 | ( <i>Where's, Where are</i> ) the cookies I brought home?                | 17 | _____ |
| 18 | There ( <i>was, were</i> ) too many people for such a small boat.        | 18 | _____ |
| 19 | This new rule ( <i>doesn't, don't</i> ) seem fair to me.                 | 19 | _____ |
| 20 | The spelling of these words ( <i>are, is</i> ) very tricky.              | 20 | _____ |

The italicized verb in each of the following sentences agrees with its subject. Now suppose that you were to insert the words in parentheses at the point indicated by the caret (^). If a change in the verb would be necessary, write the correct form on the blank line. If the verb would remain the same, write the word **Correct**. [3 points each]

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| 21 | Lisa ^ <i>picks</i> up the mail. (or my dad)                  | 21 | _____ |
| 22 | Here <i>are</i> ^ your shoes. (one of)                        | 22 | _____ |
| 23 | The old sailor ^ <i>lives</i> in a small shack. (and his dog) | 23 | _____ |
| 24 | One ^ <i>looks</i> too long. (of your sleeves)                | 24 | _____ |
| 25 | ^ This old car <i>rattles</i> . (The bumpers on)              | 25 | _____ |

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| 26 | Where <i>is</i> $\wedge$ the milk? (the cornflakes and)      | 26 _____ |
| 27 | Each $\wedge$ <i>is</i> very necessary. (of these parts)     | 27 _____ |
| 28 | $\wedge$ These children <i>surprise</i> me. (The ability of) | 28 _____ |

**Write the letter of the correct sentence in each pair. [2 points each]**

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| 29 | a. How much is tickets to the show?<br>b. How much are those leather wallets?                                | 29 _____ |
| 30 | a. One of those orchids look like a bird.<br>b. One of the old sailors really believes in ghosts.            | 30 _____ |
| 31 | a. Don't those sandwiches look good?<br>b. Don't one of you want to play tennis with me?                     | 31 _____ |
| 32 | a. Either Carl or Tina know how to get there.<br>b. Pete and his friend often study together.                | 32 _____ |
| 33 | a. The principal or her assistant is at every game.<br>b. Walter's hearing and eyesight is perfectly normal. | 33 _____ |
| 34 | a. There have been too many accidents lately.<br>b. There was two misspelled words on my paper.              | 34 _____ |
| 35 | a. One of your tires need some air.<br>b. Several of the books need to be repaired.                          | 35 _____ |
| 36 | a. Was the batter ready for the pitch?<br>b. Was the people warned about the tornado?                        | 36 _____ |