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Subject-Verb Agreement

EXERCISE 1:

Choose the verb that correctly completes the sentence:

1. Meat with potatoes (**is/are**) my brother's favourite meal.
2. Jimmy, as well as his baby brother, (ride/ **rides**) in the shopping cart.
3. Mathematics (**is/are**) a difficult subject for me.
4. Mumps (**causes/cause**) the salivary glands to swell.
5. Fifty years (**is/are**) a short time in the history.
6. Here (**is/are**) a list of classes we can attend.
7. There (is/**are**) too many students in my group.
8. My brother, who has three children, (**is/are**) visiting us this Christmas.
9. The captain and his men (was/**were**) able to fight off the invaders.
10. Ninety dollars for a pair of shoes (**is/are**) ridiculous.

EXERCISE 2:

Choose the correct verb to fill in the blanks:

1. Writing with footnotes **is** informative.
2. The shelf of books **was** poorly stacked.
3. The committee of members **meets** on a fortnightly basis.
4. The weather in mountainous regions **is** treacherous during the winter.
5. Economics **is** a major discipline at Flinders.
6. The spectacles **were** found in the library.
7. Each of the students **is** asked to fill the form.
8. Either my father or my brothers **are** going to sell this house.
9. Nobody from the schools in our region **attends** Oxford University.
10. *Seven Little Australians* **is** a classic children's book.

EXERCISE 3:

Underline the error in each of the following sentences and correct it.

1. Both of the boys was willing to take part in the competition. **Ans: were**
2. None of the players was present in the stadium. **Ans: were**
3. Some of the milk were spilt on the floor. **Ans: was**
4. Harry, as well as his sister, have won the Chess championship. **Ans: has**
5. The band play jazz music. **Ans: plays**

EXERCISE 4:

In the following paragraph, identify *five* errors in subject-verb agreement.

The sheep-liver fluke is a parasitic flatworm with a very complex life cycle. The fluke **starts** life by hatching inside a snail. The fluke is then ejected from the snail in a ball of slime. These balls of slime **are eaten** by ants. The fluke digs its way through the ant's body until it **reaches** the ant's brain. There, the fluke takes control of the ant by manipulating its nerves, thus turning the ant into its personal robot. Under the command of the fluke, the ant **climbs** to the top of a blade of grass. If the fluke is in luck, the ant is eaten by a passing sheep. From the sheep's stomach, the fluke **works** its way home to the liver.