**GRAMMAR EXERCISES**

**FINDING SUBJECTS AND VERBS QUIZ 2**
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7. If all is lost, why am I still playing?
8. Jared longed for a pity party after he lost his job.
9. Have you memorized all the chemical symbols on the chart?
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11. Please answer the question without smirking.

**SUBJECT AND VERB AGREEMENT QUIZ 1**
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5. If our staff don't quit picking at each other, we will not meet our goals.
6. Either Gary or I are responsible for allocating the funds.
7. Neither she nor they were willing to predict the election results.
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10. My problem, which is minor in comparison with others, exist because I dropped out of high school.
11. His dogs, which are kept outside, bark all day long.
12. There's three strawberries left.
13. Here is the reports from yesterday.
14. Some of my goals has yet to be met.
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16. None of this is your business.
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18. One third of the city are experiencing a blackout tonight.
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20. When she talks, we listens.
21. Neither the farmer nor the farmworkers is willing to settle the strike.
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**SUBJECT AND VERB AGREEMENT QUIZ 2**
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2. The mother duck, along with all her ducklings, swim so gracefully.
3. Each of those dresses is beautiful.
4. The folder, not the letters, were misplaced.
5. Here is the three doughnuts that you wanted.
6. Five hundred dollars are the price that the dealer is asking.
7. Three fourths of the pies have been eaten.
8. The majority of the state is Republican.
9. A golden retriever is one of those dogs that is always faithful.
10. Every one of the dancers is very limber.
11. The original document, as well as subsequent copies, was lost.
12. Neither the ashtray nor the lamp were on the table.
13. Only forty percent of the eligible voters is going to the polls.
14. Almost all of the newspaper are devoted to advertisements.
Subject-Verb Agreement, Assignment #1

Total Points: 24 Points

Directions: Determine the correct subject and verb agreement with the following phrases.

1. _______my boss or my sisters in the union going to win this grievance?
   a. is             b. are
   (The subject closer to the verb (my boss) determines the number of the verb.)

2. Some of the votes _______ to have been miscounted.
   a. seem           b. seems
   (*Some* is the subject in this sentence.)

3. The tornadoes that tear through this county every spring _____ more than just a nuisance.
   a. are             b. is
   (The subject is *tornadoes.*)

4. Everyone selected to serve on this jury _____ to be willing to give up a lot of time.
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   (*Everyone!* seems to be a plural word, but it is always singular.)

5. Kara Wolters, together with her teammates, ______ a formidable opponent on the basketball court.
   a. presents  b. present
   (The subject is not compounded by phrases such as *along with, together with, and as well as.*)

6. He seems to forget that there _______ things to be done before he can graduate.
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   (The subject *things, in this case* comes after the verb in constructions that begin with *here or there.*)

7. There _______ to be some people left in that town after yesterday's flood.
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   (The subject is *people*, which is plural, and that determines the verb (not the word *there*).

8. Some of the grain _______ to be contaminated.
   a. appear  b. appears
   (*Some* is the subject of this sentence and, since it is not really countable (you can't count the grain), it is singular.)

9. Three-quarters of the students _______ against the tuition hike.
   a. is  b. are
   (Three quarters of the students represents a countable number.)

10. Three-quarters of the student body _______ against the tuition hike.
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11. A high percentage of the population _______ voting for the new school.
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    (*Percentage* is a mathematical proportion, expressing here a singular lump sum.)

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Subject/Verb Agreement, Assignment #2 (Total Points: 14 Points)

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FINDING SUBJECTS AND VERBS QUIZ 1 ANSWERS
1. He depends on her in times of need.
2. (You) Watch your step.
3. The insurance agent gave her sound advice.
4. On the table was her purse.
5. In the newspaper, an interesting article appeared.
6. (You) Look before you leap.
7. Across the road lived her boyfriend.
8. We are forced to inhale and exhale this smog-filled air.
9. In the gutter, I found a shiny new dime.
10. Around every cloud is a silver lining.
11. Every one of the roses bloomed.

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   (CORRECT OR If our staff members don't quit picking...)
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