

Subject-Verb Agreement: Present Tense Practice

Directions: *In the following sentences, underline subjects and choose verbs that agree with those subjects.*

1. There [are is] always one person who can make all the difference.
2. Either of the arguments [seem seems] convincing.
3. [Are Is] Rachel and her husband living in New York now?
4. A block of smelly cheese and a stale loaf of bread [lie lies] on the checkered tablecloth.
5. An example of her outstanding management skills [are is] her ability to bring the best out of unmotivated workers.
6. Every one of the newspapers [fails fail] to offer unbiased election coverage.
7. Blake's proposal for the renovations [seems seem] beyond Claudia's budget.
8. It [bother bothers] Alexandra when Ian makes sarcastic remarks about her feelings toward Denard.
9. After all, [doesn't don't] it look like some people rush into relationships before they really know about each other?
10. The emphasis on being unique and competitive [make makes] most everyone anxious and sometimes obnoxious.
11. Rafael's cousin, wife, and son [plan plans] on arriving next Thursday.
12. Each of the players in the community theater project [has have] performed before in at least two productions.
13. This holiday weekend, the prediction of highway fatalities [is are] based on last year's statistical data.
14. Carefully arranged on the platform [is are] two lecterns, two microphones, four stools, and a few plants.
15. During training camp, the coach realizes that either of the two rookies [are is] good enough to be in the starting lineup.
16. Over fifty percent of the starting funds for the restaurant [are is] illegally used by one of the partners for his new house.
17. The collection of original photos [are is] on display in the college gallery.
18. [Don't Doesn't] the billboard and power lines ruin the view?
19. What [has have] they been up to lately?
20. One of the raincoats [is are] fashionable enough to wear everyday.
21. Another unfortunate drawback of the software [is are] its poorly written installation instructions.
22. Furious after learning of Josephine's infidelity, Napoleon [order orders] the slaughter of 3,000 prisoners of war.
23. Neither of the websites [offers offer] any links to the works of Paul Klee.
24. There [is are] hotdogs and hamburgers on the grill.
25. This pair of shoes [is are] too tight.

Answers

1. is person
2. Either seems
3. Are Rachel husband
4. block loaf lie
5. example is
6. one fails
7. proposal seems
8. It bothers
9. doesn't it
10. emphasis makes
11. cousin wife son plan
12. Each has
13. prediction is
14. are lecterns microphones stools plants
15. either is
16. percent is
17. collection is
18. Don't billboard lines
19. have they
20. One is
21. drawback is
22. Napoleon orders
23. Neither offers
24. are hotdogs hamburgers
25. pair is