

Singular and Plural Exercise

Most nouns form their plurals by adding -s to the singular. However, there are some nouns that have only a plural form or a singular form. Plural nouns should be followed by a plural verb and singular nouns should be followed by a singular verb.

Fill in the blanks.

1. I think they teach mathematics in schools.

too much

too many

2. Politics a complicated business.

is

are

3. suffering from a disease called BSE.

Many cattle are

Much cattle is

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4. The police the thief.

have arrested

has arrested

5. Where my glasses?

are

is

6. The organization is trying to raise
to support its projects.

fund

funds

7. A number of people tried to find
the treasure.

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has

have

8. A group of us going to hold a party tomorrow.

is

are

9. Half of her students understand a word she says.

doesn't

don't

Either could be used here

10. Ten miles a long way to walk.

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is

are

Either could be used here

11. One of my friends going to Mexico.

is

are

12. Nobody him except his best friends.

like

likes

Either could be used here

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Answers

1. I think they teach too much mathematics in schools.
2. Politics is a complicated business.
3. Many cattle are suffering from a disease called BSE.
4. The police have arrested the thief.
5. Where are my glasses?
6. The organization is trying to raise funds to support its projects.
7. A number of people have tried to find the treasure.
8. A group of us are going to hold a party tomorrow.
9. Half of her students don't understand a word she says.
10. Ten miles is a long way to walk.
11. One of my friends is going to Mexico.
12. Nobody likes him except his best friends.