

Subject - verb agreement

The verb should agree with the subject in number and person. That means if the subject is a singular noun or pronoun, the verb should also be singular. Likewise, a plural subject requires a plural verb.

Complete the following sentences with a verb that agrees with the subject.

1. Our team going to lose the match.

is

are

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

has

have

Either could be used here

3. The majority of criminals non-violent.

is

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are

Either could be used here.

4. A lot of social problems caused by poverty.

is

are

Either could be used here

5. A couple of my friends going to open a travel agency.

is

are

Either could be used here

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6. One of my friends going to Venezuela.

is

are

Either could be used here

7. Wasps a serious problem in our garden.

is

are

8. A good knowledge of three languages necessary for this job.

is

are

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9. The police looking for a balding man in his forties.

is

are

Either could be used here

10. Many cattle died because of the drought.

has

have

Answers

1. Our team is going to lose the match.
2. A number of people have tried to find the treasure.
3. The majority of criminals are non-violent.

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4. A lot of social problems are caused by poverty.
5. A couple of my friends are going to open a travel agency.
6. One of my friends is going to Venezuela.
7. Wasps are a serious problem in our garden.
8. A good knowledge of three languages is necessary for this job.
9. The police are looking for a balding man in his forties.
10. Many cattle have died because of the drought.