

SUBJECT VERB AGREEMENT:

LESSON 44

EXERCISE 1

1. The United States still (**produces**, produce) a majority of the world's food supply.
2. Modern farms (has, **have**) become more efficient than ever.
3. A new science called agribusiness (**has**, have) been responsible for much of the improvement.
4. Farmers (takes, **take**) a keen interest in market conditions and efficiency techniques.
5. One day's work for a farmer today (**equals**, equal) about a week's effort for our grandparents.
6. Scientifically balanced fertilizers (keeps, **keep**) the nutrients in the soil high.
7. Better seeds (**yields**, yield) larger crops.
8. The seeds (is, **are**) developed to withstand extremes in climate and disease.
9. The only product of many large companies (is, **are**) hybrid seeds.
10. Newly developed weed-killers (increases, **increase**) crop yield.
11. Efficient pest control (**has**, have) reduced crop loss.
12. Almost every year the yield per acre (**rises**, rise).
13. Computers (performs, **perform**) many tasks on modern farms.
14. They (**records**, record) statistics on crop production and even (**tracks**, track) the weather.
15. Despite all of these advances, the number of farms (**grows**, grow) smaller every year.
16. Many young people (leaves, **leave**) the family farm in search of another profession.
17. Large corporations (has, **have**) purchased many of the successful farms.
18. These huge companies (involves, **involve**) themselves in every facet of agriculture.
19. To some people, that practice (**is**, are) beneficial.
20. Others (thinks, **think**) it (**hurts**, hurt) the small farmer.

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EXERCISE 2

- ✓1. Fewer animals die from disease because of advances in veterinary science.
2. New antibiotics **decreases** the number of deaths in young animals.
- ✓3. Scientists **continues** to search for ways to increase the meat supply.
4. One new product are beefalo.
- ✓5. It is a cross between a cow and the American bison.
- ✓6. Some people is experimenting with ostrich farms.
7. Supermarket shelves of the future might hold packages of ostrich meat.
- ✓8. In southern states, some farmers raise alligators.
9. Many people enjoys eating the meat from alligator tails.
- ✓10. Factory farming is a popular way to raise livestock today.
11. On factory farms, buildings holds large numbers of animals in a small space.
12. This type of farming produce more meat, milk, or eggs in less time and more cheaply than on traditional farms.
- ✓13. On some factory farms, a chicken house holds as many as 100,000 chickens.
- ✓14. It takes about 1.4 hours of labor to raise 100 chickens today, compared to 16 hours in 1945.

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15. Some people criticizes the use of factory farms.
16. They says it is cruel to raise animals in such confined conditions.
- ✓17. To create better breeds of livestock, some scientists experiment with animal genes.
- ✓18. This type of science is called genetic engineering.

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38) In Japan, railroads (do, have) become the standard for mass transit.

39) Precautions (is, are) an indispensable part of safe operations.

40) Sanya (seems, seem) miles above the rest of the class.

- 25) Compliments (is, are) a gift that anyone can give.
- 26) Oak street trees (has, have) become a symbol for strength.
- 27) Concrete lions (stands, stand) guardians over the library entrance.
- 28) Mr. Jefferson (thinks, think) these ~~are~~ assignments are simple.
- 30) It (appears, appear) pot-bellied pigs are gaining popularity as pets.
- 31) The rhythms of the percussion section (was, were) the highlight of the concert.
- 32) Holidays (means, mean) exciting sights and sounds.
- 33) Lina's favorite Sunday breakfast (is, are) scrambled eggs.
- 34) Her songs (remains, remain) a hit week after week.
- 35) The majority of people (feels, feel) a rain shower ruins their day.
- 36) Flickers (is, are) the largest category of park visitors.
- 39) Rainbows (was, were) a spectacular sight after the thunderstorm.

Agreement: Linking Verbs
(Lesson 46) (Exercise 1)

- 1) The biggest attraction in town (remains, remain) the antique shops.
- 2) The team members (is, are) a pleasure to coach.
- 3) The mint in the Locombe Gardens (smells, smell) good, even from two blocks away.
- 4) The Ramirez family (is, are) a sponsor for the event.
- 5) Encyclopedias (stands, stand) a ready resource for writing term papers.
- 6) Gold pens (was, were) the women's prize.
- 7) When I am trying to concentrate, a dripping faucet (becomes, become) a nuisance.
- 8) A truce (means, mean) no aggression for a specific time period.
- 9) The twins (turns, turn) sixteen in three weeks.
- 10) Comic strip characters (was, were) the theme at the banquet.
- 11) Rawhide bones (is, are) candy to my dog, Beethoven.
- 12) The first topic (was, were) accidents in the home.

- 13) Berries (is, are) a mainstay in the diets of many birds.
- 14) The books (was, were) a collection of short stories.
- 15) The captains (is, are) the leaders of the volleyball team.
- 16) Her entire investment (was, were) fifty dollars.
- 17) The clouds (appears, appear) a threat to our baseball game.
- 18) Parties (is, are) a good opportunity to get to know people.
- 19) Sophomores (has, have) twice been student council secretary.
- 20) The girls (shows, show) great effort even though they are far behind.
- 21) The consequences (is, are) worth the risk.
- 22) Dances (remains, remain) our favorite social activity.
- 23) The juniors (~~fields~~ (feels, feel) their choice for class president was a good one.
- 24) Pets (becomes, become) a member of the family.

Agreement: Inverted Sentences

Lesson 47 (Exercise1)

1. (Is, Are) the doctor attending the sessions?
2. Under the tree (lurks, lurk) the hungry cats.
3. (Is, Are) electric vehicles becoming more popular?
4. There (goes, go) Oko's sisters.
5. (Does, Do) he live in the mountains?
6. Inside that house (was, were) the object of my affections.
7. (Was, Were) Jamal helping with the pamphlets?
8. Beside the fence (grows, grow) black raspberries.
9. Except for Tamiko, (has, have) all the others paid the fee?
10. Here (comes, come) one of the prettiest floats in the parade.
11. (Was, Were) the basket full of apples?
12. There (is, are) only fifty tickets left.
13. (Does, Do) that dish contain peanuts?
14. On top of the car (was, were) perched three pigeons.
15. (Was, Were) the three of them excused for the day?
16. In these humble surroundings (was, were) born our sixteenth president.
17. For the boat's deck (has, have) Benny used treated boards?
18. There (sits, sit) his forgotten papers.
19. Here (comes, come) your favorite part.
20. (Does, Do) the Joneses like golf ?

(Exercise 2)

- ✓ Are there any leftovers from yesterday?
- ✓ 1. Around the corner speeds the little terrier.
- ✓ 2. There walks a proud woman.
- 3. Is the teachers glad for the holiday break?
- 4. Into the yard flies the hungry birds in search of a meal.
- 5. Here is three copies of today's Times.
- ✓ 6. Does Enrico have enough money for lunch?
- ✓ 7. Above the staircase was the secret passageway.
- ✓ 8. There is the misplaced textbook.
- 9. Has any other activities generated this much enthusiasm?
- ✓ 10. Were all of them in the car?
- ✓ 11. Near the pond grows a weeping willow.
- ✓ 12. There goes the dog in search of her missing puppy.
- 13. Was the views spectacular from the bridge?
- 14. On the fence post hangs several pieces of twine.
- 15. Here comes the best musicians in the world.
- ✓ 16. Do the players provide their own shoes?
- 17. Around the city speeds the delivery trucks.
- ✓ 18. There are many sources for the information you need.

Agreement: Special Subjects

Lesson 48 (Exercise 1)

1. The herd (**passes**, pass) through the orchard on the way to the pasture.
2. Mumps sometimes (requires, **require**) quarantine.
3. Eight dollars (is, **are**) too much to pay for that hat.
4. Statistics (**is**, are) a branch of mathematics.
5. The flock (is, **are**) preening their feathers.
6. Mark's favorite pants (is, **are**) faded blue denim.
7. Several hours (was, **were**) wasted while we waited for Tasha.
8. The economics of South Africa (**is**, are) closely tied to the diamond industry.
9. The team (**wins**, win) frequently.
10. The scissors (**needs**, need) sharpening.
11. Three months (**is**, are) the waiting period for a license.
12. Women's gymnastics (**has**, have) been dominated by adolescents for several years.
13. The class (**is**, are) finishing their assignments.
14. Measles (**is**, are) still a dangerous disease in many parts of the world.
15. Ten yards (**is**, are) the minimum distance for a first down.
16. Optics (deals, **deal**) with the changes and properties of light.
17. To keep communication lines open, the faculty (**meets**, meet) every week.
18. Checkers (**is**, are) her favorite board game.
19. Three weeks of concerts (has, **have**) been booked.
20. The acoustics (makes, **make**) this theater superior to the others.
21. Because of boredom, the audience (is, **are**) leaving a few at a time.
22. These binoculars (magnifies, **magnify**) by fifty times.
23. Six inches (makes, **make**) a big difference in a hemline.
24. Of all his educational pursuits, genetics (was, **were**) his favorite.
25. The readership of the Times (leans, **lean**) toward conservatism.
26. The United States (**has**, have) two major political parties.
27. Thirty days at hard labor (**was**, were) his sentence.
28. His tactics (proves, **prove**) he is an honorable man.
29. Canterbury Tales (describes, **describe**) life during the time of the Black Death.
30. Maria's glasses (contains, **contain**) bifocal lenses.
31. The Toronto Maple Leaf (is, are) the name of a National Hockey League.
32. Several species (was, **were**) on the endangered list.
33. Most of the national news (is, **are**) on the front page.
34. The remains of the collapsed buildings (**was**, were) buried.
35. Twenty-eight days (**is**, are) the average gestation period for a rabbit.
36. Mathematics (requires, **require**) an understanding of formulas.
37. Our squadron (practices, practice) flight patterns daily.
38. The committee (**has**, have) signed their names on the contract.
39. The Chicago Bulls (reworks, **rework**) their strategy daily.
40. The Corps of Engineers (builds, **build**) dams and bridges.

Agreement: Compound Subjects

Lesson 49 (Exercise 1)

1. Horses, cattle, and sheep **thrive** on the lush pastures. (thrive)
2. My brother or my sister **chooses** the menus tonight. (choose)
3. Every plate and cup **has** a chip in it. (have)
4. Either the Hopkins family or the Ferreras **watch** our house when we are away. (watch)
5. Many a friend and traveler **has** passed this way. (have)
6. Neither Kathy nor her sisters **know** about the schedule change. (know)
7. Both Dad and Mom **want** peace and quiet on the weekends. (want)
8. Neither Mr. Watkins nor my neighbor **plants** squash. (plant)
9. After the meeting, Antonio and Jalisa **are** riding home with me. (be)
10. Alberto or the twins **are** using the encyclopedia. (be)
11. Every gesture and movement **means** something specific. (mean)
12. Either flowers or candy **makes** a nice gift. (make)
13. Many a man, woman, and child **feels** hunger every day. (feel)
14. Neither the steers nor the cow **has** wandered far. (have)
15. Both robins and blue jays **frequent** my backyard. (frequent)
16. Neither my sister nor my brothers **are** willing to lend me five dollars. (be)
17. My friend and teacher **accompanies** me on the piano. (accompany)
18. A Nintendo or a CD player **tops** his Christmas list. (top)
19. Though I get very nervous on stage, every smile and nod **gives** me confidence. (give)
20. Either a broken string or a faulty tuning peg **unnerves** a violinist. (unnerve)
21. Many a teacher and student **passes** through these halls every day. (pass)
22. Neither Blake nor I **want** to lose her as a friend. (want)
23. Both the newspaper and the radio station **are** plugging our spring concert. (be)
24. Neither Cooper nor Longfellow **is** the author of The Scarlet Letter. (be)
25. Before the commencement, the chorus and the orchestra **perform** the national anthem. (perform)
26. Spaghetti or lasagna **ranks** first on my list of favorites. (rank)
27. Regardless of the cost, every letter and postcard **is** being answered. (be)
28. Either rain or snow **causes** a slowdown on the freeway. (cause)
29. After the performance, each boy and girl **receives** an autographed picture. (receive)
30. Neither Charlene nor Mia **feels** well today. (feel)
31. Both pork and beef **have** high levels of fat. (have)
32. Neither the store nor the restaurant **opens** until nine o'clock. (open)
33. Ham and eggs **is** a regular breakfast at our house. (be)
34. Mr. Caron or the boys **are** cleaning the garage. (be)
35. Every man and woman **shares** your concerns. (share)
36. Either my sister or my parents **are** picking us up after the ballgame. (be)
37. Each player and cheerleader **hopes** for a victory tonight. (hope)
38. Before each performance, both the actors and the stagehands **check** the props carefully. (check)

Agreement: Intervening Expressions

Lesson 50 (Exercise 1)

1. Oko, together with Toby and Cara, (**enjoys**, enjoy) the hobby of stamp collecting.
2. They, plus other members of their families, (spends, **spend**) a lot of time on their hobby.
3. Oko, along with her parents, (collects, **collect**) only Japanese stamps.
4. The beauty of stamps, plus the large variety, (is, **are**) the reason that Toby prefers a general collection.
5. Cara, as a horse-lover, (**likes**, like) to collect stamps depicting horses.
6. Cara, together with her two friends, (wants, **want**) to join a local philatelic society.
7. Philately, as most collectors know, (**is**, are) another name for stamp collecting.
8. Dabblers, along with serious collectors, (meets, **meet**) monthly to share their hobby with others who have similar interests.
9. The president, plus nine other members, (collects, **collect**) only stamps with unusual cancellations.
10. One member, along with his son, (**has**, have) a collection of nearly 50,000 stamps.
11. Locating sources for new stamps, along with trading or selling duplicates, (ranks, **rank**) as a practical benefit of membership.
12. Annually the society, together with local stamp clubs, (sponsors, **sponsor**) an exhibition of the members' collections.
13. Cara, along with Oko and Toby, (**hopes**, hope) to attend the show this year.
14. Every Saturday, Oko, accompanied by Toby, (**visits**, visit) the local stamp store.
15. The shop, besides stocking supplies and accessories, (carries, **carry**) a large selection of stamps.
16. A set of six stamps from Zimbabwe, along with a single issue from Brazil, (**has**, have) captured Toby's attention.
17. The set, plus some new display mounts, (costs, **cost**) about fifteen dollars.
18. A 1967 Japanese stamp, as well as a 1988 air mail stamp, (**catches**, catch) Oko's eye.
19. Many of Toby's friends, including Consuelo, (**is**, are) now asking for help in starting a collection.
20. The great variety of subjects, together with the hobby's adaptability to individual interests, (provides, **provide**) a lifelong pastime.

(Exercise 2)

Many other things, in addition to stamps, **are** fun to collect. (be)

1. Young children, as well as older children, often **like** collecting leaves or rocks. (like)
2. Having fun, plus putting things into categories, **helps** children to learn. (help)
3. Many serious collectors, together with not-so-serious collectors, **collect** things they have a special interest in. (collect)
4. An interest in sports, accompanied by a love of baseball, **drives** baseball card collectors. (drive)
5. Ball caps, in addition to T-shirts, **draw** the interest of other sports enthusiasts. (draw)
6. Animal figures, as well as stuffed animals, **draw** the interest of some collectors. (draw)

7. Many a stuffed rabbit, together with stuffed bears and pigs, **has** become part of a collection. (have)
8. Something a person likes to do, such as riding horses or listening to music, often **sparks** interest in collecting. (spark)
9. Many people who like music, in addition to going to concerts, **collect** autographs. (collect)
10. A special poster, together with old photos, **is** interesting to someone who likes old movies. (be)
11. Much of the excitement, as well as the fun, **comes** from the discovery of a new item. (come)
12. Something rare, plus something unusual, **excites** most collectors. (excite)

Agreement: Indefinite Pronouns as Subjects

Lesson 51(Exercise 1)

1. Some of the puppies **whine** constantly. (whine)
2. Everybody in the two towns **knows** about the rivalry. (know)
3. Somebody in the bleachers **screams** constantly. (scream)
4. Neither of the boys **has** the key to the house. (have)
5. Most of the band **practices** regularly. (practice)
6. Everybody in the auditorium **waits** patiently for the opening curtain. (wait)
7. Several of my friends **operate** a computer with ease. (operate)
8. During a test, nobody **leaves** the room. (leave)
9. All of the blackberries **are** picked. (be)
10. No one **regrets** choosing him as captain. (regret)
11. Does **anyone** show signs of fatigue? (do)
12. Someone with very large feet **walks** through the flower bed. (walk)
13. Because information is lacking, none of the committee **wants** to vote on the issue today. (want)
14. No matter what Chandra thinks, either of the candidates **is** qualified. (be)
15. Everyone for miles around **participates** in the Oktoberfest. (participate)
16. Something about that person **causes** Tia to be suspicious. (cause)
17. If you need more information, any of the clerks **have** the expertise to help you. (have)
18. One of the cockatiels **molts** twice every year. (molt)
19. We should be there on time, if everything **goes** well. (go)
20. Since the tornado, many people **fear** thunderstorms. (fear)
21. After lunch, all of the class **feels** sleepy. (feel)
22. Nothing about the situation **fosters** a sense of security. (foster)
23. Anything that is broken **needs** our immediate attention. (need)
24. During the concert, each of the four Garcias **sings** a solo. (sing)
25. Most of the neighbors **enjoy** spending time together. (enjoy)
26. Any of the leftover food **is** stored in the refrigerator. (be)
27. Because we are so busy, no one **takes** a break. (take)
28. Nobody **expects** that kind of treatment. (expect)
29. After the siren sounds, all of the force **is** on alert. (be)

30. Due to all the changes, few of the girls **feel** confident about the contest. (feel)
31. None of the class **maintains** a perfect attendance record. (maintain)
32. Either of those necklaces **matches** this outfit. (match)
33. None of the disks **require** formatting. (require)
34. Of the two chapters, neither **contains** difficult material. (contain)
35. Once the schedule is set, both of the part-timers [**try** to be on time. (try)
36. Few of the players **wear** a beard. (wear)
37. Any of the squad **is** fully certified in first aid. (be)
38. Some of the drivers **ignore** the yellow flashing light. (ignore)
39. Within our class, everyone **likes** the new teacher. (like)
40. Several of the musicians **play** in a local band. (play)

Unit 7 review

1. Our principal **(sings, sing)** in a barbershop quartet.
2. April showers (rains, **rain**) steadily but softly.
3. The waves (crashes, **crash**) rhythmically against the giant rock close to the beach.
4. (Does, **Do**) we need to pack that much for a weekend trip?
5. Aunt Carla (**writes, write**) that she is coming to visit this summer.
6. Jamal and Frank (**faces, race**) every day to the bus stop.
7. The limbs of the old oak tree (**sways, sway**) in the breeze.
8. Somebody (**needs, need**) to fix this step before an accident occurs.
9. I hope that our school (**wins, win**) the big game this year!
10. Smells of hot coals and cooking beef (**fills, fill**) the backyard.
11. Chocolate candies with fruit fillings (**was, were**) the dessert of choice for visitors at the chocolate festival.
12. Martin's binoculars (is, **are**) what we need.
13. There (is, **are**) many reasons we need today off.
14. Charles (**tells, tell**) funny stories.
15. Can members of the flag corps (rides, **ride**) on the bus with the football team?
16. The first item on Julie's shopping list (was, **were**) socks.
17. These scissors (cuts, **cut**) through every kind of material.
18. Many of this year's participants (was, **were**) in last year's tournament, too.
19. Bill and Sancho (**thinks, think**) their classmates overemphasize weight lifting.
20. Few (**argues, argue**) as well as Fred, the president of the Debate Club.
21. In the trunk there (**is, are**) a spare tire.
22. The street car (**is, are**) late this morning.
23. Our yard (**becomes, become**) bigger every time I mow it!
24. The moon (**seems, seem**) exceptionally bright tonight.