

1. Neither the kangaroo nor the joeys ____ over the fence to steal my garden carrots.
A) jumps
B) jumped
C) jump
D) jumping

2. Each of the earbuds ____ a different podcast at the same time, which is why my brain hurts.
A) hear
B) hears
C) hearing
D) heard

3. The choir, along with its nervous director, ____ the concert in the middle of a thunderstorm.
A) conduct
B) conducts
C) conducting
D) conducted

4. The carpenter, along with his apprentices, ____ the wood until it was smooth enough to use as a mirror.
A) planes
B) plane
C) planed
D) planning

5. Both the teacher and the students ____ their favorite memes during study hall.
A) shares
B) sharing
C) shared
D) share



6. Neither the teacher nor the students ____ about the surprise test... out loud, anyway.

- A) complains
- B) complain
- C) complained
- D) complaining

7. The scissors ____ mysteriously every week, like they're auditioning for a magic show.

- A) disappears
- B) disappeared
- C) disappear
- D) disappearing

8. The news about zombies in Florida ____ faster than the actual zombies.

- A) spreads
- B) spread
- C) spreading
- D) spreaded

9. Ten dollars ____ exactly one slice of airport pizza these days.

- A) buying
- B) buy
- C) bought
- D) buys

10. The band ____ about which Taylor Swift song to cover next.

- A) argues
- B) argue
- C) argued
- D) arguing

Correct Answer: A) argues

Explanation: In American English, collective nouns like "band" usually take singular verbs. So verb = argues.



Answer Key & Explanations

1. (Verb: jump)

Neither the kangaroo nor the joeys ____ over the fence to steal my garden carrots.

- A) jumps
- B) jumped
- C) jump ☒
- D) jumping

Correct Answer: C) jump

Explanation: Closest subject = "joeys" (plural), so verb = jump.

2. (Verb: hear)

Each of the earbuds ____ a different podcast at the same time, which is why my brain hurts.

- A) hear
- B) hears ☒
- C) hearing
- D) heard

Correct Answer: B) hears

Explanation: Subject is each (singular). So verb = hears.

3. (Verb: conduct)

The choir, along with its nervous director, ____ the concert in the middle of a thunderstorm.

- A) conduct
- B) conducts ☒
- C) conducting
- D) conducted

Correct Answer: B) conducts

Explanation: Subject is choir (singular collective noun). Correct verb = conducts.

4. (Verb: plane — as in shave/flatten)

The carpenter, along with his apprentices, ____ the wood until it was smooth enough to use as a mirror.



A) planes ☒

B) plane

C) planed

D) planning

Correct Answer: A) planes

Explanation: Subject is carpenter (singular). Correct verb = planes.

5. (Verb: share)

Both the teacher and the students ____ their favorite memes during study hall.

A) shares

B) sharing

C) shared

D) share ☒

Correct Answer: D) share

Explanation: Subject = "teacher and the students" (plural). Verb = share.

6. (Verb: complain)

Neither the teacher nor the students ____ about the surprise test... out loud, anyway.

A) complains

B) complain ☒

C) complained

D) complaining

Correct Answer: B) complain

Explanation: Closest subject = students (plural), so verb = complain.

7. (Verb: disappear)

The scissors ____ mysteriously every week, like they're auditioning for a magic show.

A) disappears

B) disappeared

C) disappear ☒

D) disappearing

Correct Answer: C) disappear

Explanation: "Scissors" is always plural, so verb = disappear.



8. (Verb: spread)

The news about zombies in Florida ____ faster than the actual zombies.

- A) spreads ☒
- B) spread
- C) spreading
- D) spreaded

Correct Answer: A) spreads

Explanation: "News" is singular, so verb = spreads.

9. (Verb: buy)

Ten dollars ____ exactly one slice of airport pizza these days.

- A) buying
- B) buy
- C) bought
- D) buys ☒

Correct Answer: D) buys

Explanation: Money as a single amount is singular. So verb = buys.

10. (Verb: argue)

The band ____ about which Taylor Swift song to cover next.

- A) argues ☒
- B) argue
- C) argued
- D) arguing

Correct Answer: A) argues

Explanation: In American English, collective nouns like "band" usually take singular verbs. So verb = argues.

