

49. \_\_\_\_\_ get their training at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.
50. Spacecraft have to reach speeds of 25,000 mph (40,200 kmph) to break away from the pull of Earth's \_\_\_\_\_ .

## Lesson 8

### Subject Indefinite Pronouns and Verb Agreement

The subject and verb of a sentence should always agree. Sometimes one or more prepositional phrases separate the subject and verb—*always* be sure to make your verb agree with the subject and *not* the object of the preposition.

One (of the women) (from our church) is from Australia.

Several (aboard the ship) were ill for the entire voyage.



**Underline the subject. Circle the correct verb.** Putting parentheses around prepositional phrases may help you.

1. Because of heavy ice and high winds, many of the trees **has, have** broken branches.
2. Both of our cameras **need, needs** to be repaired.
3. Nobody in any of the buildings **were, was** injured in the fire.
4. Everybody **was, were** able to get out safely.
5. “Each of these paintings **cost, costs** over two thousand dollars,” Mary told Jane.

Always make sure the verb agrees with the subject, not the predicate nominative, even if the predicate nominative seems to be different in number from the subject.

One (of my problems) (in school) is **contractions**.



**Underline the subjects. Circle the correct verb.**

6. Many of the world’s problems **is, are** caused by greed, selfishness, and hatred.
7. A few of the men **are, is** carpenters.
8. One of my least favorite things in math **is, are** long division.
9. Several in the crowd **was, were** businessmen, doctors, and lawyers.
10. One of my hobbies **is, are** collecting stamps.

## We Remember

 Put parentheses around the prepositional phrases. Label each as an **adjective** (*adj*) or **adverb** (*adv*) **phrase**.

11. The king arose very early, and went in haste unto the den of the lions.
12. Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

 Rewrite the sentences correctly.

13. Where are you moving that bookcase to?

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14. "What for classes are you taking at Bible school?" asked Joe.

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15. The train leaves Chicago at about 10:30 every morning.

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 Write the part of speech for each underlined word: **noun** (*n*), **pronoun** (*pro*), **verb** (*v*), **adjective** (*adj*), **adverb** (*adv*), **preposition** (*prep*), **conjunction** (*conj*), or **interjection** (*int*).

Shanna walked (a) slowly (b) into the (c) kitchen, (d) absentmindedly chewing a fingernail. (e) A frown (f) had replaced her (g) usual happy (h) smile.

16. a. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_ e. \_\_\_\_\_ g. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_ f. \_\_\_\_\_ h. \_\_\_\_\_

 Underline the subject. Circle the correct verb.

17. Only a few of the geese **was**, **were** swimming on the pond.
18. Either Jerry or one of his sisters **gather**, **gathers** the eggs.
19. "To Richard From Nell" **describe**, **describes** the lifestyle of a pioneer.
20. Several of the workers in Daddy's office **meet**, **meets** every morning for prayer.

 Identify each underlined word as a **predicate nominative** (*pn*), **predicate adjective** (*pa*), **direct object** (*do*), or **indirect object** (*io*).

21. \_\_\_\_\_ Ann Judson handed the servant the rag-bag pillow with the Bible inside.

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22. \_\_\_\_\_ The storks on Hans' house became very tame.
23. \_\_\_\_\_ My son, someday you will be a great hunter like your father.
24. \_\_\_\_\_ Young Blue's mother twisted about and smashed her tail at the killer whale.



**Complete the sentence.**

25. Words or groups of words connected by conjunctions should be \_\_\_\_\_.



**Circle the letter of the correct sentence in each pair.**

26. a. Money was limited for the American colonists, so they used: beaver pelts, grain, musket balls, and nails.  
b. Money was limited for the American colonists, so they used beaver pelts, grain, musket balls, and nails.
27. a. The three largest cities we traveled through on our vacation last summer were Tulsa, Oklahoma; Amarillo, Texas; and Albuquerque, New Mexico.  
b. The three largest cities we traveled through on our vacation last summer were Tulsa, Oklahoma, Amarillo, Texas, and Albuquerque, New Mexico.
28. a. Aunt Ella called last night, she and Mom talked for a whole hour.  
b. Aunt Ella called last night; she and Mom talked for a whole hour.



**Put a hyphen where it is needed in the sentence.**

29. About seven and one half million people live in New York City.

## *Penmanship*

Today you start a new stanza. Skip a line on your paper to begin.



**Copy these two lines of the poem in your best handwriting.**

- 30. He finished Latin, French, and Greek when he was ten years old,  
And knew the Spanish alphabet as soon as he was told.

## *Spelling . . . the pattern*



**Write the misspelled spelling words correctly.**

31. \_\_\_\_\_ rotashun                      33. \_\_\_\_\_ astronot
32. \_\_\_\_\_ soler                              34. \_\_\_\_\_ rivolve

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| 35. _____ satellite    | 43. _____ metoer   |
| 36. _____ thery        | 44. _____ spher    |
| 37. _____ atmosfear    | 45. _____ gravty   |
| 38. _____ luner        | 46. _____ oxigen   |
| 39. _____ phaze        | 47. _____ uneverse |
| 40. _____ constelation | 48. _____ galacksy |
| 41. _____ astronimy    | 49. _____ cresent  |
| 42. _____ orbet        | 50. _____ eclispe  |

## Lesson 9

### Indefinite Pronouns—Singular or Plural

You've studied the indefinite pronouns that are always singular. And you've studied the ones that are always plural.

There are five more indefinite pronouns for you to learn. These five can be either singular or plural.

*some*      *any*      *none*      *all*      *most*

*None of the students are finished with their reports.*

*These butterflies are only some of my collection.*

*Vladimir has not seen any of his family since he left Russia ten years ago.*

*Mr. Jenson made all of his children rocking chairs.*

*It has been foggy for most of the day.*



**Underline the indefinite pronouns.**

1. Most of us like Mexican food, but some prefer Chinese food.
2. Jerald sold all of the birdhouses at the flea market on Saturday.
3. The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.
4. Saul was taller than any of the others in the crowd.
5. On her vacation, Nancy sent all of her friends postcards.

Up to this time, you have always been told to make the verb agree with the subject of the sentence, and *never* to make it agree with the object of a prepositional phrase that separates the subject and verb. But these five indefinite pronouns are exceptions to that rule.

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To know whether to use a singular or plural verb with *some*, *any*, *none*, *all*, or *most*, look at the word it refers to—the object of the preposition. If the word is singular, a singular verb is needed; if it is plural, use a plural verb.

Most (of the **mud**) has dried up. → *Mud* is singular; use a singular verb.

Most (of the ice **cubes**) have melted. → *Cubes* is plural; use a plural verb.



**Circle the indefinite pronouns. Draw an arrow from each to the word it refers to. Then underline the correct verb.**

6. Some of the pages **is, are** missing.
7. **Are, Is** all of the cheese melted?
8. Most of the boys **play, plays** hockey on Friday afternoons.
9. None of these knives **cut, cuts** very well.
10. **Have, Has** most of you finished reading the story?
11. “Some of the notes **sound, sounds** off-key,” declared Abner.
12. **Do, Does** any of the keys fit the lock?



**Write the five indefinite pronouns that can be either singular or plural.**

13. \_\_\_\_\_

## We Remember



**Circle the correct verb.**

14. Each of the story problems **require, requires** two answers.
15. “There **is, are** some people in the cave!” Dale whispered to Jeff.
16. Several of the people **is, are** interested in the topic of research.
17. Neither of the clerks **was, were** able to answer our question.



**Rewrite the sentences correctly.**

18. The three largest cities in the United States are New York City, New York, Los Angeles, California, and Chicago, Illinois.

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19. James wondered how come the teakettle lid kept rising and dropping.

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20. Many of the pages in Granddad's Bible is dog-eared and worn from use.

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21. I saw a man in the store with a guide dog. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Write the part of speech for each underlined word: *noun* (n), *pronoun* (pro), *verb* (v), *adjective* (adj), *adverb* (adv), *preposition* (prep), *conjunction* (conj), or *interjection* (int).**

With (a) swinging lanterns, (b) they gathered from all directions that Friday evening. (c) Upon their (d) arrival at the Webster home, the young guests found a half-circle of (e) vacant chairs arranged (f) before the fireplace. When the boys (g) and girls took their (h) places, the flames from the great logs (i) shone upon happy faces. Spelling at the Webster home was a (j) jolly party.

22. a. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_ e. \_\_\_\_\_ g. \_\_\_\_\_ i. \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_ f. \_\_\_\_\_ h. \_\_\_\_\_ j. \_\_\_\_\_



**Circle the direct objects and put parentheses around the indirect objects. Label the *predicate nominatives* (pn) and *predicate adjectives* (pa).**

23. The western settlers' winter had been long and hard.  
 24. Give us today our daily bread.  
 25. We brought you a sack of meal and some potatoes.



**Diagram the sentences.**

26. The storks have flown many miles from the south.

27. They are probably very hungry.

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Put parentheses around the prepositional phrases. Label each as an *adjective (adj)* or *adverb (adv) phrase*. Then diagram the sentence.

28. The Great Wall of China stretches for 4000 miles across northern China.



Read the paragraph and the underlined topic sentence. Circle the summary sentence.

29. Noah Webster had a strong influence on spelling in America. It was he who argued for dropping the *u* from words such as *honour*, *neighbour*, and *colour*. Not all of his suggested "improvements" were so successful, however. When he tried to persuade Congress to change *tough* to *tuf* and *women* to *wimmen*, they refused. Still, his influence remains with us today, nearly every time we write or consult a dictionary.

### Penmanship



Copy these two lines of the poem, using your best handwriting.

- 30. He never, never thought of play until his work was done,  
He labored hard from break of day until the set of sun.

### Spelling . . . the pattern



Write the spelling word for each set of vowels.

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| 31. _____ oi    | 41. _____ aoau |
| 32. _____ aay   | 42. _____ oa   |
| 33. _____ eoe   | 43. _____ eeo  |
| 34. _____ ua    | 44. _____ aiy  |
| 35. _____ oeaio | 45. _____ aeie |
| 36. _____ eie   | 46. _____ oaio |
| 37. _____ oye   | 47. _____ ae   |
| 38. _____ aooy  | 48. _____ aoee |
| 39. _____ eoy   | 49. _____ ee   |
| 40. _____ uiee  | _____ ee       |