

Chapter 11: Subject-Verb Agreement Problems

Chapter Review Test 1

For each of the following sentences, write the correct form of the verb in the space provided. If a sentence is correct, write **C**.

- _____ 1. Humans is not the only animals that use tools.
- _____ 2. A chimpanzee that is hungry for some termites use a tool.
- _____ 3. The chimpanzee do this by inserting a twig into the entrance of a termite mound.
- _____ 4. Termites inside the mound attaches themselves to the twig.
- _____ 5. When the chimpanzee pulls the twig from the mound, it have a meal of protein-rich termites.
- _____ 6. All chimpanzees in Tanzania's Gombe National Park knows how to "fish" for termites by the age of five and a half.
- _____ 7. In the chimpanzee world, a male and female discovers how to fish for termites at different ages.
- _____ 8. Most of the female chimpanzees, on average, learns this skill earlier.
- _____ 9. Females who are eighteen months old spends a quarter of their time watching their mothers fish for termites.
- _____ 10. The males, in contrast, mostly play near the termite mound.
- _____ 11. There are a possible explanation for this behavior, according to some researchers.
- _____ 12. The males and females probably feels differently about the importance of certain skills.
- _____ 13. What are the most important skill to a young chimp?
- _____ 14. The female chimpanzees want to learn how to find food for themselves and their future offspring.
- _____ 15. The males have a different goal, the researchers say.
- _____ 16. Male chimpanzees need to attract mates in the future.
- _____ 17. They does this by raising their social status among other males.
- _____ 18. Chimpanzees has many things in common with humans.
- _____ 19. Some people believes that male and female children follow similar behavior patterns.
- _____ 20. In any case, everyone know that chimpanzees are quite intelligent creatures.

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Chapter Review Test 2

Read the following paragraph for subject-verb agreement problems. If you find an error, write the correct verb on the corresponding line that follows the paragraph. If a sentence is correct, write **C**.

(1) In New York City, nearly everyone enjoy a meal from a street vendor from time to time. (2) Many residents of the city has a favorite vendor in their neighborhood. (3) Some people even travels across the city just to eat their favorite snack. (4) A group called the Street Vendor Project gives awards to the most popular vendors. (5) One of the recent winners are on the northwest corner of Fifth Avenue and 54th Street. (6) Rolf Babiels or his brother Wolfgang work at this pushcart, serving delicious sausages to loyal customers. (7) Another vendor at Madison Avenue and 62nd Street are famous for his charcoal-grilled chicken. (8) The fans of another finalist hosts a Web site to honor their favorite street vendor, www.53rdand6th.com. (9) New Yorkers is lucky to have such tasty, inexpensive food available all over the city.

1. _____ 6. _____
2. _____ 7. _____
3. _____ 8. _____
4. _____ 9. _____
5. _____

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11-1: Avoiding Subject-Verb Agreement Problems

In the following sentences, circle the subject (or compound subject) and underline the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

EXAMPLE

(Malls) (is, are) a major form of entertainment.

1. Everyone who has a teenager (knows, know) that the mall is a popular place to hang out.
2. (Do, Does) anyone go to the mall just to buy something?
3. There (is, are) many things to do other than to shop.
4. Even a tiny mall (is, are) likely to provide entertainment, such as performances by local school bands or choirs.
5. Most malls in the United States (has, have) a movie theater.
6. People who come to a mall's movie theater often (does, do) a little shopping while they're there.
7. Video game arcades or an ice skating rink (provides, provide) another form of fun in some malls.
8. One of the United States' largest malls (includes, include) an aquarium, an amusement park, and a dinosaur museum.
9. Restaurants, which include both fast-food joints and upscale establishments, (offers, offer) something for everyone.
10. It (is, are) easy to see that malls provide more than just the convenience of many stores under one roof.

11-2: Avoiding Subject-Verb Agreement Problems

For each of the sentences below, fill in the blank with the correct present-tense form of the verb in parentheses.

EXAMPLE

Our choice of friends is (be) something that we shouldn't take lightly.

1. Friends and family _____ (be) two very important parts of our lives.
2. Some people _____ (claim) that you can pick your friends, but you can't pick your family members.
3. When choosing friends, everyone _____ (need) to know the difference between certain types of friends.
4. Judith Viorst, who has written many books on relationships, _____ (say) that there are several kinds of friends.
5. For example, friends of convenience _____ (have) something in common with us; they might be our neighbors or the parents of our children's playmates.
6. People with whom we share a hobby _____ (be) our special-interest friends.
7. A historical friend or a crossroads friend _____ (be) a good friend from our past; this friend will always hold a special place in our lives, but we often lose touch with him or her as we go our separate ways.
8. Although each of these friends is important, there _____ (be) only a few rare people who remain our friends for life.
9. A friend who loves us for who we are and knows our innermost feelings _____ (be) the very best kind of friend.
10. No one _____ (want) to live without his or her best friend.