

# 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  
are  
Either could be used here.

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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

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

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

is  
are

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.

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2. A number of people have tried to find the treasure.
3. The majority of criminals are non-violent.
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.