

# Subject-verb agreement

The basic rule of subject-verb agreement is simple. The verb has to agree with the subject in number and person. If the subject is singular, the verb has to be singular. In the same way, a plural subject requires a plural verb.

Fill in the blanks using a verb form that agrees with the subject.

1. Plutarch's Lives ..... an interesting book.

is  
are

2. The United States ..... one of the most influential countries in the world.

is  
are

3. Thousand dollars ..... a huge sum.

is  
are

4. Either you or I ..... mistaken.

is

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am  
are

5. The leader, as well as his followers, .....  
arrested.

was  
were

6. Wool, as well as cotton, ..... exported  
from India.

is  
are

7. No news ..... good news.

is  
are

8. The king, with his ministers, .....  
coming.

is  
are

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9. Time and tide ..... for none.

wait

waits

Either could be used here

10. The state of his affairs ..... a cause for concern.

is

are

## Answers

1. Plutarch's Lives is an interesting book.
2. The United States is one of the most influential countries in the world.
3. Thousand dollars is a huge sum.
4. Either you or I am mistaken.
5. The leader, as well as his followers, was arrested.
6. Wool, as well as cotton, is exported from India.
7. No news is good news.

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8. The king, with his ministers, is coming.

9. Time and tide waits for none.

10. The state of his affairs is a cause for concern.