

Singular, Plural and 'Always Plural' Nouns; Noun-Verb Agreement

Exercise A

Circle the correct **verb** in brackets **that agrees with the noun**.

Example

Be careful! Those scissors (is / are) sharp.

- 1 The news (is / are) on TV at 8 o'clock every night.
- 2 The police (is / are) looking for the stolen car.
- 3 Your jeans (is / are) in the wash. You'll have to wear something else.
- 4 Where (is / are) my glasses? Have you seen them anywhere?
- 5 My favourite TV series (are / is) on Thursday at 5 pm.
- 6 A rare species of flower (grow / grows) in the mountains.
- 7 Gymnastics (are / is) very popular with the girls in my class.
- 8 These days most people (are / is) concerned about the environment.
- 9 The United Nations (are / is) a very important world organization.
- 10 Microsoft (are / is) a huge multinational company.
- 11 The school football team (are / am) playing in blue shorts.
- 12 Physics (are / is) my sister's best subject at school.

Exercise B

Choose the correct **verb** or **noun** in brackets to fill in the gaps.

Environmental issues

There is an interesting series on TV tonight. (1) _____ (It is / They are) about the environment and living things. Over many centuries people (2) _____ (have / has) studied living things and now they realize that some species (3) _____ (is / are) in danger of dying out and need our protection. Teams of scientists (4) _____ (have / has) made this programme as a (5) _____ (means / mean) of explaining how we can all help to preserve our environment. Each week the programme starts with the environmental news, which (6) _____ (is / are) always about the latest developments. Sometimes the presenters visit a company to see what they (7) _____ (are / is) doing to protect our planet. One week they visited the (8) _____ (headquarters / headquarter) of a food-processing firm. They interviewed the (9) _____ (men / man) who work in the factory. These people explained that all the packaging is made from recycled material and the factory produces very little pollution.

Another week they visited a farm where they keep many different rare breeds of (10) _____ (sheep / sheeps) and (11) _____ (cattle / cattles). Of course, money (12) _____ (is / are) still important to these organizations and factories: they have to make money to survive.

Exercise C

Choose the correct **noun** or **verb** in brackets to fill in the gaps.

A robbery

A robbery has taken place at the Central Bank on Victoria Road. The staff (1) _____ (is / were) surprised this morning to find the safes were empty when they arrived. The previous day they had contained the (2) _____ (wage / wages) of two large companies and the (3) _____ (saving / savings) of many individuals. The building (4) _____ (was / were) broken into early this morning. Two (5) _____ (women / womans), who witnessed the crime, gave a description of the (6) _____ (cloths / clothes) of the suspects. One man was wearing a black T-shirt and a pair of black (7) _____ (jean / jeans). The other was wearing a grey T-shirt, white (8) _____ (short / shorts) and a pair of (9) _____ (sunglass / sunglasses). The police (10) _____ (believes / believe) the suspects may be gang members who (11) _____ (have / has) committed several robberies recently. Searches are being carried out in the (12) _____ (surrounding / surroundings). If you have any information which may help the police catch these criminals, please phone your nearest police station.