

Aggie Grammar Guide: Subject Verb Agreement

Intermediate Practice

Circle the correct form of the verb in parentheses to make the subject and verb agree in number:

Example: *I think the article (am/is/are) pretty well-written.*

Answer: *Circle "is"*

- 1) The author also (predict/predicts) where people might hold future Winter Olympics.
- 2) Also, the content and things he (talk/talks) about (is/are) quite attractive and interesting.
- 3) I (am/is) very interested in one of the author's ideas: "challenges of gene therapy" because this (is/are) a very new idea today.
- 4) In my home country, a lot of adults always (tell/tells) children that they should have a good attitude for everything because it (am/is/are) good for their lives.
- 5) Of course you (has/have) to study to pass the exam.
- 6) We (am/is/are) not able to make any progress on our work.
- 7) In the article "How a self-driving car sees the world," Adam Fisher (mention/mentions) that Google (is/are) developing new technology: the self-driving system that (is/are) called a chauffeur.
- 8) I (disagree/disagrees) with the attitude of the author towards this new technology, the self-driving system.
- 9) The best way to learn philosophy (am/is/are) to reflect on oneself everyday.
- 10) Pointing (am/is/are) one piece of evidence that (indicate/indicates) the ability of possessiveness and cognition.
- 11) To be a doctor (require/requires) a lot of knowledge, and that (is/are) why doctors (charge/charges) so much.
- 12) The research (am/is/are) conducted to improve the lives of adolescents.

Advanced Practice

Fill in the blanks with a verb that logically fits into the sentences in the following paragraph. Make sure the verbs agree in tense, form, and number. Also, check to be sure your verb choice fits logically within the sentence. Please note there is more than one logical verb that can fit into each sentence, so your choice may not match with the answer key. Compare your responses to the ones provided and determine if one is more effective. One way to do that is to check that the verbs you chose match the answer key in terms of agreement (for example, both 3rd person singular verbs) and logically fitting the sentence.

Example: *Beach Cruisers* ____ *similar to any other bike on campus.*

Answer: *Beach Cruisers* **are** *similar to any other bike on campus.*

The second reason why mobile phones _____ the most beneficial invention in the last 100 years _____ that they can _____ life easier and more convenient. Mobile phones _____ many useful tools and features such as a camera, web search function, a clock, a calculator, and a music player. For instance, many _____ their mobile phones to conduct their business. In Japan, a majority of people _____ their salary by writing their blogs. Since one's blog _____ a large influence on its viewers' opinions and shopping habits, sponsors _____ to put their advertisements on blogs. Some bloggers _____ to get many advertisements from sponsors in order to earn advertising expenses. In this kind of business, working from mobile phones _____ a very important role as most bloggers _____ them to take pictures and write sentences and post those on their blogs. Mobile phones _____ people with a new opportunity to earn money.