

Subject-Verb Agreement



Gi V'YVh-j YfV U[fYYa Ybh]gk \Yb h\Y gi V'YVh UbX j YfV U][b, a YUb]b[h\Y gi V'YVh UbX h\Y j YfV k]` Y]h\Yf Vch\ VY g]b[i `Uf cf d`i fU. H\YgY dUfhg cZ h\Y gYbhYbW a i ghVY Vcbg]ghYbh \ck Yj Yf, h\YfY UFY UZYk YI Wdh]cbg hc h\Y gi V'YVh-j YfV U[fYYa Ybhfi `Yk \]Wk k]` VY YI d`U]bYX]b h\]g fYgci fW. H\]g fYgci fW k]` \Y`d mci]XYbh]Zmh\Y ghfi Wf fY hmdYg UbX Ugg]ghmci]b fYVc[b]n]b[h\Y gi V'YVh UbX j YfV k]h\]b U gYbhYbW.

Definitions

5]g h\Y a U]b dYfgcb, d`UW, cf h\]b[]b U gYbhYbW, k \]Wk UW]g cb Ub cV'YVh 5 **verb**]g Uk cfX

Rules





Example: BY]h\Yf

are_dfYgYbhUh\Y g\ck .

Example: H\Y cf \Yf Z]YbXg are_ZcW gYX cb h\Y Ugg][ba Ybh

=b Vch\ cZh\YgY Yl Ua d`Yg, h\Y gi V`YVg " []f` cf \Yf Z]YbXg" UbX "a ch\Yf bcf UbmcZa mhYUW\Yfg"]bWl XY Vch\ U g]b[i `Uf UbX U d`i fU` bci b. H\YfYzcfY, Vm`cc_]b[Uh\Y gi V`YVh WcgYghc h\Y j YfV, "Z]YbXg"]b h\Y Z]fghYl Ua d`Yk]` VY Zc`ck YX Vmh\Y d`i fU` Zcfa cZ`hc VY," k \]W\]g" UfY." G]a]`Uf`m Vm `cc_]b[Uh\Y gi V`YVh WcgYghc h\Y j YfV]b h\Y `Uh\Yf Yl Ua d`Y, "hYUW\Yfg," h\Y j YfV i gYX g\ci `X VY h\Y d`i fU` Zcfa cZ`hc VY," k \]W\]g" UfY."

4. Gca Yh]a Yga Ubm k cfXg, cf U d\ fUgY, k]` gYdUfUhY h\Y gi V`YVh Z]ca h\Y j YfV. ? Yd]b[h\]g]b a]bX, h\Y j YfV a i ghgh]` U[fY k]h\ h\Y gi V`YVh bchUbm cZ h\Y ch\Yf k cfXg k]h\]b h\Y d\ fUgY.

Example: H\Y k \c \Ugk cf_YX Uh\Y Vta dUbmZcf h\ fYY mYUfg,]g\UfXk cf_]b[.

Example: , ghi XYbhg Uh\Y l b]j Yfg]m are gcVWf d`UmYfg

=b Vch\ cZh\YgY Yl Ua d`Yg, h\YfY UfY d\ fUgYg k \]W\ gYdUfUhY h\Y gi V`YVh Z]ca h\Y j YfV. H\YfYzcfY,]b h\Y Z]fghYl Ua d`Y, "]g"]g h\Y Vc`fYVh]b[i `Uf Z]ca cZ`hc VY," U[fYY]b[k]h\ h\Y gi V`YVh "a UbU[Yf." G]a]`Uf`m h\Y d`i fU` j YfV " UfY" U[fYYgk]h\ h\Y gi V`YVh "DUhcb UbX 7Uf`m U`h\ci [\]h]g gYdUfUhYX VmU

Exceptions

H\Y fi `Yg`]ghYX UVcj Y g\ck g]b[i `Uf gi V`YVg Zc`ck YX Vmg]b[i `Uf j YfVg UbX d`i fU` gi V`YVg Zc`ck YX Vmd`i fU` j YfVg. < ck Yj Yf, h\YfY UfY UZk Yl Wdh]cbg hc h\Y dfYj]ci g`ma Ybh]cbYX fi `Yg



2. K \Yb fYZYff]b[hc U WfhU]b Ua ci bhczA cbYm i gY Ug]b[i `Uf j YfV; \ck Yj Yf,]Znci UfY hfm]b[hc YI d`U]b h\Y cj YfU` V`bWdhcZxc`Ufg, i gY U d`i fU` j YfV.

Example: is_bchYbci [\ hc Vi mUGhUfVi W_gV`ZZY.

Example: are Ua cbYhUfmi b]hi gYX]b h\Y I .G. UbX a Ubmch\Yf V`i bhf]Yg.

3. Gca Yh]a YgUgi V`YVh k]` Zc`ck Uj YfV. : cf]bghUbw, gi V\]g h\Y WUgY]b gybhYbWg VY[]bb]b[k]h\ "h\YfY]g" cf "h\YfY UfY." H\Y k cfX "h\YfY"]gbchV`bg]XYfYX h\Y gi V`YVh cZ h\Y gybhYbW, gc cZ h\Yb h]a Yg,





Practice Exercises

7\ccgY h\Y V\ffYVhZfca cZh\Y j YfV hc U[fY k]h\ h\Y gi V^Vh H\Y Ubgk Yfg UfY `cWlhYX Uh\Y Vclhca f][\h-\UbX V\fbYf cZh\Y dU[Y.

1. H\Y dfca V\ta a]h\Y (XYV\XY/XYV\XYg) k \c h\Y dfca _]bX UbX ei YYb k]` VY.
2. C bY \i bXfYX Xc`Ufg (]g/UfY) Ybci [\ hc Vi mU `chcZ7\`f]gha UgdfYgYbhg.
3. H\YfY (]g/UfY) a UbmZ]g\]b h\Y gYU.
4. < Y UbX \]g ZJa]`m(d`Ub/d`Ubg) cb j UVh]cb]b[]b h\Y 7Uf]VVYUb =g`UbXg.
5. A mg]ghYf, k \c \Ug hfU]bYX Zcf B Uh]cbU`g Zcf mYUfg, (]g/UfY) U [fYUhXUbWf.
6. H\Y []f`g (`_Y/`_Yg) XfYgg]b[h\Y]f 5a Yf]Wb ;]f` Xc`g hc a Uh\X h\Y]f ck b ci hZ]hg.
7. H\YfY (]g/ UfY) UWc]W mci \Uj Y hc a U_Y UVci hnci f Z hi fY WfYf.

1. XYV\XYg 2.]g 3. UfY 4. d`Ub 5.]g 6.]_Y 7.]g

Further Assistance: : cf a cfY XYhU]`YX \Y`d cf]Zmci \Uj Y ei Ygh]cbg, j]g]h\Y K f]h]b [7YbhYf `cWlhYX]b h\Y @yk]g l b]j Yfg]m@]VfUfmc f W` 815-836-5427.

Sources Consulted: Di fXi Y Ck`, [i]XYhc[fUa a Uf.cf[, "9X]h]b[@]bY Vm@]bY"