

Unit 16 Subject-Verb Agreement 16.1

■ **A. Making Subjects and Verbs Agree**

Select the letter of the sentence in which the underlined verb agrees with the subject.

- _____ 1. a. Minnows swims in the shallow water of the pond.
b. Three catfish swim along the muddy bottom.
c. Several tadpoles swims near the reeds.
- _____ 2. a. Each charcoal sketch looks almost perfect.
b. Your subject's eyes looks lifelike.
c. The portrait look like the work of a professional artist.
- _____ 3. a. That robot are making life easier for people.
b. Scientists are making robots with electronic parts.
c. A mechanical person are making an unusual housemate.
- _____ 4. a. The saxophone have a rich, mellow sound.
b. Many jazz bands has saxophone players.
c. Marco has a collection of old saxophones.
- _____ 5. a. Over the mountain lie two tiny villages.
b. Huge mounds of snow lies on top of the peak.
c. Here along the trail lies signposts.
- _____ 6. a. The assembly of these bookcases seem easy.
b. The directions, except for step 3, seems clear.
c. Do those screws seem like the right size?
- _____ 7. a. Inside the cave is prehistoric paintings.
b. There on the walls is a picture of two horses.
c. The discovery of the paintings are exciting.
- _____ 8. a. Does these sneakers feel right?
b. The sneaker on my left foot feel better than the other.
c. The size-eight shoes feel best.

■ **B. Collective Nouns, Indefinite Pronouns, and Compound Subjects**

16.2 - 16.5

Select the letter of the sentence in which the underlined verb agrees with the subject.

- _____ 9. a. The planning committee discuss their different views on the proposed mall.
b. Everybody discuss the pros and cons of the issue.
c. Two of the members discusses their ideas for a restaurant in the mall.
- _____ 10. a. The math club are meeting in Room 102.
b. Mathematics is Yoshio's favorite subject.
c. One nice thing about math are its logical nature.
- _____ 11. a. A class from our school were going to the movies.
b. Nobody were sure about what to see.
c. *Casablanca* was the film at the Golden Door Theater.

- _____ 12. a. Five dollars is the cost of a dance ticket.
 b. The band are playing oldies from the 1950s.
 c. The crowd are enjoying the party atmosphere.
- _____ 13. a. Everything here go on the camping trip.
 b. Both of these sleeping bags goes in the trailer.
 c. Something always goes on top of the car.
- _____ 14. a. Several of the zebras feeds by the watering hole.
 b. A herd of gazelles feed nearby.
 c. One of the giraffes feeds on a baobab tree.
- _____ 15. a. Everyone listen to Harry Hinkley's radio talk show.
 b. Many listen just to hear his one-line jokes.
 c. All of us listens to him from 7 A.M. to 12 P.M.
- _____ 16. a. All of the clothes needs washing.
 b. Everything in the machine need a good soaking.
 c. Some of this laundry needs more drying.

Unit 17

Glossary of Special Usage Problems

17.1 - 17.3

■ A Troublesome Words

Select the letter of the sentence in which the underlined word is used correctly.

- _____ 1. a. Take this book from your room back to the library.
 b. Our friends take their old newspapers to us.
 c. Mail carriers take magazines right to our doorstep.
- _____ 2. a. The weather for the week looks good except for Saturday.
 b. Can you except the idea of canceling the picnic?
 c. Perhaps picnickers would except a rain check.
- _____ 3. a. In Manhattan, tourists wander in amazement between all the sights.
 b. Joggers run between the many trees in Central Park.
 c. Madison Avenue lies between Fifth Avenue and Park Avenue.
- _____ 4. a. The waistband on these pants is all together too tight.
 b. I look all together foolish in purple bellbottoms.
 c. Let's gather these clothes all together and wash them.
- _____ 5. a. Nowadays many TV stations chose to broadcast reruns.
 b. Last night we chose to watch *Gilligan's Island*.
 c. If you had to chose a favorite show, what would you watch?
- _____ 6. a. Besides pickaxes, the prospectors carried tin pans.
 b. A gleaming nugget of gold lay besides the rock.
 c. The miner placed two bags of gold dust besides each other.
- _____ 7. a. Please put the roast in the oven.
 b. The lizards live in the cave.
 c. Some leaves fell in the pool.
- _____ 8. a. Ms. Harvin hopes to learn us to speak Latin.
 b. Teachers try to learn students about conjugating verbs.
 c. I like to learn about the Latin roots of words.
- _____ 9. a. There isn't many time left in the last quarter of the game.
 b. Coach Gonzalez has given many advice to the players.
 c. Alvin has tried many jumpshots without success.
- _____ 10. a. The sheepdog licked it's wounded paw.
 b. It's hard to tell whether the cut is infected.
 c. The animal hospital isn't answering it's phone.