

Subject-Verb Agreement—Exercise Answers

Practice Answers

These exercises are meant to help you gauge your understanding of subject-verb agreement. If you get confused, just ask one of the WRC staff for help.

1. Fill in the blank with an appropriate tense of the given verb:
The ocean (cover) covers three fourths of the Earth's surface.
Its plants and animals (provide) provide us with food. Both the deeper regions and the shallow water (support) support life.
Each ocean animal (live) lives in a specific part of the water. A beach or reef (make) makes a good home for small, colorful fish and crustaceans. A pod of whales (prefer) prefers the deeper water that is farther from shore. Fish with scary faces or no eyes (live) live in the deepest parts of the ocean. There (be) is no light in those areas because the sun cannot penetrate that far below the surface. Studying these fish (require) requires scientists to send cameras many kilometers underwater. Nobody (want) wants to come face-to-face with these ugly fish in the dark.

2. Circle the sentence with the correct subject-verb agreement.
 - a. Penguins and seals occupies the South Pole.
 - b. Penguins and seals occupy the South Pole.**

3. Circle the sentence with the correct subject-verb agreement.
 - a. Either one polar bear or many seals win in a fight.
 - b. Either one polar bear or many seals wins in a fight.**

4. Circle the sentence with the correct subject-verb agreement.
 - a. Everyone wants to see penguins at the zoo.**
 - b. Everyone want to see penguins at the zoo.

5. Circle the sentence with the correct subject-verb agreement.
 - a. The polar bear's long paws allow him to swim deep under water.**
 - b. The polar bear's long paw allow him to swim deep under water.

6. Circle the sentence with the correct subject-verb agreement.
 - a. The ice that humans find so slippery provide the perfect surface for penguins to slide on.
 - b. The ice that humans find so slippery provides the perfect surface for penguins to slide on.**

7. Circle the sentence with the correct subject-verb agreement.
- Physics enable scientists to understand how fast penguins can slide and swim.
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8. Circle the sentence with the correct subject-verb agreement.
- There is many documentaries about life in the arctic and the Antarctic.
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9. Circle the sentence with the correct subject-verb agreement.
- Here is a book about orcas and how they hunt.
 - Here are a book about orcas and how they hunt.
10. Circle the sentence with the correct subject-verb agreement.
- Swimming through the Depths* explain how seals play with each other underwater.
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11. Circle the sentence with the correct subject-verb agreement.
- Reading about these regions and animals show us a world different from our own.
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