GRAMMAR: Agreement - Subject and Verb

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EXAMPLE: One of the finalists (1)was, (2)were disqualified at the last minute. 1

1. Neither the sergeant nor the lieutenant (1)has, (2)have issued the orders yet.  
2. Economics (1)is, (2)are what the students are most interested in.  
3. Carving game birds (1)has, (2)have been her hobby for years.  
4. Not one of the nominees (1)has, (2)have won an Oscar before.  
5. (1)Does, (2) Do each of the questions count the same number of points?  
6. The number of college freshman (1)has, (2) have decreased in recent years.  
7. Ninety-nine (1) is, (2)are hyphenated because it is a compound number.  
8. The dictator, accompanied by his generals, (1)was, (2)were to review the troops.  
9. Both the secretary and the treasurer (1)was, (2)were asked to submit reports.  
10. Everyone in the auditorium (1)was, (2)were startled by the announcement.  
11. Women (1)is, (2) are a common noun, plural in number.  
12. Every junior and senior (1)was, (2)were expected to report to the gymnasium.  
13. There (1)is (2)are a briefcase, a typewriter, and a tape recorder in the office  
14. Ten dollars (1)is, (2) are too much to pay for that book.  
15. (1)Is, (2) Are there any questions about tomorrow’s assignment?  
16. Neither Margaret nor I (1)is, (2) am (3) are going to the fair.  
17. Each of the suitors (1)was, (2)were sure the princess preferred him.  
18. (1)Is, (2) Are your father and brother coming to see you graduate tomorrow.  
19. A typewriter and a sheet of paper (1)was, (2) were all that he needed at the moment.  
20. There (1)is, (2) are a man and four women applying for the position.  
21. (1)Does, (2) Do Coach Jasek and the players known about the special award?  
22. My three weeks' vacation (1)was, (2) were more enjoyable than I had anticipated.  
23. The only thing that annoyed the speaker (1)was, (2) were the frequent interruptions.  
24. (1) Hasn’t, (2) Haven’t either of the officers submitted a written statement?  
25. The news of his spectacular achievements (1)comes, (2) come as a surprise to all of us.  
26. On the table (1)was, (2)were a pen, a pad of paper, and two rulers.  
27. The headlines indicate that the army (1)is, (2)are entrenched across the river.  
28. It (1)was, (2)were your uncle and your cousin who came to see you.  
29. There (1)is, (2) are many opportunities for part-time employment on campus.  
30. (1)Is, (2) Are algebra and chemistry required courses?  
31. One of his three instructors (1)has, (2) have offered to write a letter of recommendation.  
32. (1)Does, (2) Do either of the coaches expect the team to win the tournament?  
33. Neither I nor my sister (1)expects, (2) expect to graduate in June.
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1. Nearly every coach and player in the league (1) is, (2) are opposed to the new rule. 1
2. There on the table (1) was, (2) were my wallet and my key chain. 1
3. Neither the mayor nor his top aides (1) was, (2) were implicated in the scandal. 1
4. Each of the players (1) hopes, (2) hope to make the first team. 1
5. German measles (1) is, (2) are a disease of short duration. 1
6. Sitting on the stairway (1) was, (2) were the instructor and four of her students. 1
7. Voyages to the Stars (1) is, (2) are truly exciting reading. 1
8. A circus, with its animals, jugglers, and clowns, (1) appeals, (2) appeal to many people. 1
9. In the auditorium (1) was, (2) were gathered many students to honor the new officials. 1
10. Each of the visitors (1) has, (2) have been assigned a parking space. 1
11. (1) Was, (2) Were either Rabbi Levine or Father O’Connor asked to speak at the assembly? 1
12. My scissors (1) was, (2) were not where I had left them yesterday. 1
13. His courage, as well as his ability (1) makes, (2) make him much admired by many. 1
14. High-powered cars (1) has, (2) have become his main interest in life. 1
15. A sandwich and a milkshake (1) was, (2) were all she wanted for lunch. 1
16. Neither my friends nor I (1) expects, (2) expect to go on the overnight trip. 1
17. My coach and mentor (1) is, (2) are Mr. Graham. 1
18. Among her most valued possessions (1) was, (2) were a locket and bracelet. 1
19. The committee (1) is, (2) are unable to come to a decision regarding the scholarship. 1
20. The debate coach, together with three of her students, (1) expects, (2) expect to go east. 1
21. Where (1) is, (2) are the canoe and sailboat? 1
22. Corrine, as well as her two cousins, (1) intends, (2) intend to spend the summer here. 1
23. (1) Has, (2) Have either of the books on architecture been returned to the library? 1
24. Neither criticism nor frequent failures (1) was, (2) were enough to retard his progress. 1
25. Where (1) is, (2) are your raincoat and boots? 1
26. The warden, as well as three of his guards, (1) has, (2) have been indicted. 1
27. She is only one of the six candidates who (1) refuses, (2) refuse to speak at the ceremony. 1
28. Neither the officer nor the spectators (1) was, (2) were certain of the robber’s identity. 1
29. Athletics (1) has (2) have always been his major interest in school. 1
30. (1) Has, (2) Have either of the editorials appeared in the school newspaper? 1
31. It (1) was, (2) were Arnold and Elise who came to see us yesterday while we were away? 1
32. Neither Janet nor her parents (1) seems, (2) seem interested in our offer for help. 1
33. He is one of those fishers who habitually (1) exaggerates, (2) exaggerate the size of the fish caught. 1