Year 6 English: Subject-verb agreement (Easy)

English · Grammar and punctuation
Level: Easy

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- There are 10 questions. Read each one carefully.
- Write your answers on this paper. Use the space under a question to work it out.
- A grown-up can read a question aloud — that's fine.
- The answers are at the end. Check them together when you have finished.

Questions

1. Choose the word that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

The ferries _____ crowded on Saturdays.

○ **A** is ○ **B** are ○ **C** be

2. Choose the word that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

The lighthouse _____ on the headland.

○ **A** stand ○ **B** standing ○ **C** stands

3. Choose the word that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

My cousins _____ near the bay.

○ **A** live ○ **B** lives ○ **C** living

4. Choose the word that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

The baker _____ sourdough every morning.

○ **A** make ○ **B** making ○ **C** makes

5. Choose the word that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

There _____ a rainbow over the bay.

○ **A** were ○ **B** been ○ **C** was

6. Choose the word that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

The kookaburras _____ at dawn.

○ **A** laugh ○ **B** laughs ○ **C** laughing

7. Which sentence is correct?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** The wombat sleeps in a burrow.

○ **B** The wombat sleep in a burrow.

8. Which sentence is correct?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** There was five boats in the harbour.

○ **B** There been five boats in the harbour.

○ **C** There were five boats in the harbour.

9. Fix the mistake in this sentence: 'Zoe and Max was in the same team.'

10. Which sentence is correct?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** We should of booked the tickets weeks ago.

○ **B** We should have booked the tickets weeks ago.

○ **C** We should off booked the tickets weeks ago.

Answer key

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1. B — are

The ferries are crowded on Saturdays. A singular subject takes is, was, has or a verb ending in -s. A plural subject takes are, were, have or the plain verb.

2. C — stands

The lighthouse stands on the headland. A singular subject takes is, was, has or a verb ending in -s. A plural subject takes are, were, have or the plain verb.

3. A — live

My cousins live near the bay. A singular subject takes is, was, has or a verb ending in -s. A plural subject takes are, were, have or the plain verb.

4. C — makes

The baker makes sourdough every morning. A singular subject takes is, was, has or a verb ending in -s. A plural subject takes are, were, have or the plain verb.

5. C — was

There was a rainbow over the bay. After 'there', the verb agrees with the noun that comes after it.

6. A — laugh

The kookaburras laugh at dawn. A singular subject takes is, was, has or a verb ending in -s. A plural subject takes are, were, have or the plain verb.

7. A — The wombat sleeps in a burrow.

The wombat sleeps in a burrow. A singular subject takes is, was, has or a verb ending in -s. A plural subject takes are, were, have or the plain verb.

8. C — There were five boats in the harbour.

There were five boats in the harbour. After 'there', the verb agrees with the noun that comes after it.

9. Zoe and Max were in the same team.

Zoe and Max were in the same team. Two subjects joined by 'and' are more than one, so the verb is plural.

10. B — We should have booked the tickets weeks ago.

We should have booked the tickets weeks ago. After should, could and would we write 'have'. 'Of' only sounds the same.