Year 6 English: Subject-verb agreement (Hard)

English · Grammar and punctuation
Level: Hard

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.

Either the players or the coach _____ the water.

○ **A** carries ○ **B** carry ○ **C** carrying

2. Choose the word that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

The list of books that every student must read _____ on the wall.

○ **A** are ○ **B** is ○ **C** be

3. Choose the word that fits the gap.

Circle one answer.

Dad and _____ run before school each day.

○ **A** me ○ **B** I ○ **C** myself

4. Which sentence is correct?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** The twins are as tall as our are.

○ **B** The twins are as tall as we are.

○ **C** The twins are as tall as us are.

5. Fix the mistake in this sentence: 'Salt and pepper is on the table.'

6. Fix the mistakes in this sentence: 'Mia and Kai is ready but each of the others are late.'

7. Fix the mistakes in this sentence: 'The box of pens are open and the rulers is in the bag.'

8. Fix the mistake in this sentence: 'The girls who won the relay is now on the stage.'

9. Rewrite this sentence about only one: 'The cows were in the paddock.'

The _____ _____ in the paddock.

Words to use: cow, cows, was, were

10. Ben says: 'Neither the cousins nor Mia are coming to the picnic.' Is that right?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** No. It should be: Neither the cousins nor Mia be coming to the picnic.

○ **B** No. It should be: Neither the cousins nor Mia is coming to the picnic.

○ **C** Yes. That sentence is correct.

Answer key

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1. A — carries

Either the players or the coach carries the water. With neither...nor and either...or, the verb agrees with the subject nearer to it.

2. B — is

The list of books that every student must read is on the wall. The verb agrees with the main word of the subject, not with the noun right next to it.

3. B — I

Dad and I run before school each day. Use the subject form of a pronoun (I, he, she, we, they) when it does the verb.

4. B — The twins are as tall as we are.

The twins are as tall as we are. Use the subject form of a pronoun (I, he, she, we, they) when it does the verb.

5. Salt and pepper are on the table.

Salt and pepper are on the table. Two subjects joined by 'and' are more than one, so the verb is plural.

6. Mia and Kai are ready but each of the others is late.

Mia and Kai are ready but each of the others is late. Two subjects joined by 'and' are more than one, so the verb is plural.

7. The box of pens is open and the rulers are in the bag.

The box of pens is open and the rulers are in the bag. The verb agrees with the main word of the subject, not with the noun right next to it.

8. The girls who won the relay are now on the stage.

The girls who won the relay are now on the stage. The verb agrees with the main word of the subject, not with the noun right next to it.

9. The cow was in the paddock.

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

10. B — No. It should be: Neither the cousins nor Mia is coming to the picnic.

Neither the cousins nor Mia is coming to the picnic. With neither...nor and either...or, the verb agrees with the subject nearer to it.