

Exercise 3.6: More on Verb Agreement

Select the correct verb in the following sentences.

- 1) Politics (**is**, are) a topic that will make one many enemies.
- 2) The governor's politics (is, **are**) offensive.
- 3) The acoustics in this board room (is, **are**) lousy.
- 4) University athletics (**is**, are) likely to be cut during the next fiscal year.
- 5) The jury (**was**, were) polled on (**its**, their) verdict. [Or, *The jurors were polled on their verdicts.*]
- 6) None of these shirts (fit, **fits**).
- 7) More than half of travel agents (is, **are**) being hit by the strike.
- 8) Half of the rent receipts (is, **are**) missing.
- 9) Half of the rent (**is**, are) missing.
- 10) He is one of the worst candidates who (**has**, have) ever spoken to the convention.
- 11) All of the chemicals (was, **were**) spilled overboard.
- 12) All of the building (**was**, were) infested with termites.
- 13) Three-fourths of the China's professors (was, **were**) sent to farms during Mao Tse-tung's Cultural Revolution.
- 14) Two-thirds of the 35 million Americans who suffer from mild depression (is, **are**) women with young children.
- 15) Most of the team members (was, **were**) injured in the bus accident.
- 16) A number of ambitious rookies (has, **have**) arrived at the stadium for spring practice.
- 17) The media (is, **are**) under attack for (its, **their**) sensational approach to reporting allegations against the actor.
- 18) This is the only brand of olives that (**is**, are) low in fat.
- 19) Neither the police nor the investigator (**appears**, appear) closer to solving the crime.
- 20) Neither the cult leader nor his followers (is, **are**) likely to turn (himself, **themselves**) over to the FBI.