

### 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.