**Subject-Verb Agreement – Exercise 4**

This handout accompanies Exercise 4 of *Grammar Bytes!* Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: [http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm](http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm)

**Directions:** Choose the correct *present tense* verb form for the sentences below.

1. Every pale tomato slice, wilted pickle, and brown lettuce leaf __________ an extra 25 cents at Bernie’s Burger Emporium.
   - A. costs
   - B. cost
   - C. costed
   - D. had cost

2. Not only the Smiths but also Tonya __________ agreed to try one of the world-famous chocolate-broccoli muffins.
   - A. has
   - B. have
   - C. had
   - D. has been

3. The Smiths, along with Tonya, __________ to avoid indigestion after eating these weird muffins.
   - A. hopes
   - B. hope
   - C. hoped
   - D. had hoped

4. On the sidewalk __________ many little lizards sunning themselves on the hot concrete.
   - A. is
   - B. are
   - C. was
   - D. were

5. Even though Antonio has many friends who love their Chevrolets and Buicks, he has always believed that General Motors __________ lemons.
   - A. makes
   - B. make
   - C. made
   - D. had made

6. My dog Floyd, together with Buster the cat, __________ to play with money; the cat swats crumpled bills onto the floor where the dog shreds them to pieces.
   - A. likes
   - B. like
   - C. liked
   - D. had liked
7. Latoya isn't going to Daytona Beach for spring break because fourteen dollars ________ all that she has in her vacation fund.

A. is  
B. are  
C. was  
D. were

8. Even though Johnson and Johnson _______ consumers not to insert Q-tips into their ears, people refuse to read directions and frequently rupture their eardrums.

A. warns  
B. warn  
C. warned  
D. had warned

9. All of my important keys ________ now stuck in the drain pipe of my bathroom sink.

Buster, my kitten, doesn't realize how much his playfulness inconveniences me.

A. is  
B. are  
C. was  
D. were

10. Grandpa claims that Martian measles ________ green and purple spots to erupt all over a person's body.

A. causes  
B. cause  
C. will cause  
D. had caused

11. Digging holes in the sofa cushions ________ Peanut, Elizabeth's new puppy.

A. is  
B. are  
C. was  
D. were

12. Even though the jury ________ to believe that the defendant did not feed Elvis to the Loch Ness Monster, much of the evidence points to her guilt.

A. wants  
B. want  
C. wanted  
D. are wanting

13. Neither the students nor their instructor ________ happy with the long cafeteria line for squid eyeball stew.

A. is  
B. are  
C. was  
D. were
14. Neither of Freud’s parents _________ much intelligence when it comes to choosing spouses. Freud’s father has married five times, and Mom just presented him with stepfather number three.
A. has
B. have
C. are showing
D. had

15. Each of these women ___________ that she had read the care instructions before washing the delicate and expensive dresses.
A. wishes
B. wish
C. wished
D. would wish

16. Here ___________ the mail and newspapers that I picked up for you while you were on vacation.
A. is
B. are
C. was
D. be

17. Mr. Lowry, our English teacher, believes that students who major in economics or physics _________ their imaginations.
A. ruins
B. ruin
C. has ruined
D. ruined

18. ___________ no one except Marge and Beatrice have the subject-verb agreement exercises that Ms. Koopman assigned for today?
A. does
B. do
C. did
D. has

19. Here ___________ Tonya and Robert, the two students who scored 100 percent on the subject-verb agreement quiz.
A. stands
B. stand
C. is standing
D. stood

20. General Foods, the maker of Cheerios, ___________ developed a new cereal with chocolate puffs and broccoli-flavored marshmallows.
A. has
B. have
C. had
D. is
21. Each man, woman, and child ________ to write General Foods a letter supporting the company’s decision to produce a chocolate-broccoli breakfast cereal.
   A. needs
   B. need
   C. needed
   D. will need

22. There ________ more calories in a bowl of chocolate-broccoli breakfast cereal than you might think.
   A. is
   B. are
   C. will be
   D. were

23. Not only the vitamin C from the broccoli but also the delicious taste of the chocolate ________ this breakfast cereal a real crowd pleaser.
   A. makes
   B. make
   C. made
   D. will make

24. Who needs a pet if you live in Florida? There already ________ lizards that sneak in between the window screens and cockroaches that take up residence in every bathroom and kitchen.
   A. is
   B. are
   C. has been
   D. had been

25. Susan is one of those students who ________ up to the instructor every chance that they get.
   A. kisses
   B. kiss
   C. kissed
   D. has kissed