

SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT – EXERCISE 5

Directions: Choose the correct *present tense* verb form for the sentences below. Check your answers with the [interactive version](#) of the exercise.

1. The dead trees and peeling paint, along with the broken windows and flapping shutters, _____ everyone believe that evil spirits haunt the deserted Sinclair house.

A. made
B. has made
C. makes
D. make
2. Where _____ the earrings that I left by the bathroom sink? Oh no! That stupid cat has swatted them down the drain again!

A. was
B. were
C. is
D. are
3. Neither of those sharks circling your boogie board _____ hungry enough to bite.

A. looks
B. look
C. looked
D. had looked

4. One hundred and fifty gallons _____ the amount of liquid the average living room rug can absorb. Rachel discovered this fact after taking a long shower when the curtain wasn't tucked inside the tub.
- A. is
 - B. are
 - C. was
 - D. were
5. Agnes never loses a single possession. Everyone knows what belongs to her, for each pen, pencil, and paperclip _____ a tiny flag attached with Agnes' full name on it.
- A. will have
 - B. has
 - C. have
 - D. had
6. Asteroids and comets slamming into Earth _____ Marge; she tries to remain under the protective cover of her roof as much as possible.
- A. worries
 - B. worry
 - C. worried
 - D. used to worry
7. Someone—perhaps Emmanuel or Paul—_____ the right wine to serve with earthworm lasagna.
- A. knew
 - B. will know
 - C. knows
 - D. know

8. These scissors _____ so dull that I'm not sure you could slice butter with them!
- A. is
 - B. are
 - C. has been
 - D. had been
9. Physics _____ proven to be Jerry's easiest subject this semester. He brings Carol, the lab assistant, an oatmeal-raisin cookie, and, as his reward, she finishes his report.
- A. has
 - B. have
 - C. had
 - D. will have
10. The good jewelry Dad gave Sara for graduation _____ more than the cheap leather wallet that David got as his reward for finishing high school.
- A. costs
 - B. cost
 - C. will cost
 - D. had cost
11. At Wendy's Washateria, all of the dryers _____ six quarters before spinning wet clothes dry.
- A. gobbles
 - B. gobble
 - C. gobbled
 - D. will gobble

12. At Wendy's Washateria, each of the industrial washing machines _____ so forcefully during the spin cycle that new patrons dash outside, convinced that an earthquake is shaking the building.
- A. rocks
 - B. rock
 - C. rocked
 - D. will rock
13. Everyone at Wendy's Washateria, even Myra and old Mrs. Webster, _____ that she could afford her own washer and dryer at home.
- A. wished
 - B. have wished
 - C. wish
 - D. wishes
14. Every cereal bowl and casserole dish _____ slipped out of Sheila's soapy hands and shattered on the hard tile of the kitchen floor. Sheila really needs to buy a dishwasher.
- A. has
 - B. have
 - C. will have
 - D. had
15. Not only fat caterpillars but also my neighbor's rabbits _____ chewed my poor tomato plants to leafless nubs.
- A. has
 - B. have
 - C. will have
 - D. had

16. Two cups of sliced jalapeno peppers _____ extreme for a single batch of burrito filling, but that's the amount in Felipe's recipe.
- A. seemed
 - B. had seemed
 - C. seems
 - D. seem
17. Even after winning the away game, the girls' basketball team _____ gloomy because Coach Cox will insist that the players return to their hotel rooms to study for next week's classes.
- A. is
 - B. are
 - C. was
 - D. were
18. Either *The Matrix* or *Aliens* _____ Sam's favorite science-fiction movie.
- A. was
 - B. were
 - C. is
 - D. are
19. The eight slots on Pam's extra large toaster _____ that no one has to fight over frozen waffles during breakfast.
- A. meant
 - B. will mean
 - C. means
 - D. mean

20. "Here _____ the box of broken appliances that you promised to repair," Bob reminded Sue, his wife.
- A. is
 - B. are
 - C. will be
 - D. have been
21. Statistics _____ become Matt's favorite subject because for fifty minutes three times a week he gets to study the beautiful curls on the back of Betty's head.
- A. has
 - B. have
 - C. had
 - D. will have
22. Elton's newest pair of eyeglasses _____ corrected his vision so well that this young man clearly sees the lovely Miranda sneering at his nerdy appearance.
- A. have
 - B. had
 - C. has
 - D. will have
23. The class _____ about the solution to the stuffy condition of the room; ten students want to open the window, but the others remember the flood of frightened cockroaches that poured in the last time Mr. Frampton released the window from the frame.
- A. disagrees
 - B. disagree
 - C. disagreed
 - D. will continue to disagree

24. When the fire alarm starts ringing, Mrs. Hoff is one of those teachers who _____ that class continue on the lawn outside.
- A. insists
 - B. insist
 - C. insisted
 - D. has insisted
25. Mrs. Hoff and Mrs. Phillips _____ that class time is precious and should not be wasted because of someone's immature prank.
- A. believes
 - B. believe
 - C. believed
 - D. will believe

