

8. Collective nouns- collective nouns are nouns that represent a group. **Collective nouns take SINGULAR VERBS.**

Examples of collective nouns- team, class, herd, jury, clergy

Directions: Practice the rules from above- eliminate any prepositional phrases or appositive/non-essential clauses. Look out for collective nouns or words that are automatically singular when deciding what verb agrees with the sentence's subject.

12. Neither of those mattresses _____ comfortable. (feel)
13. Gender discrimination in hiring practices _____ often hard to prove. (to be)
14. Collaboration and feedback _____ electronically through employee e-mail accounts. (happen)
15. Each of us _____ hard, but I think that I work the hardest. (work)
16. My family _____ to go out to dinner. (like)
17. Either Monday or Friday _____ like a good day for the meeting. (seem)
18. Everybody at my new school (is , are) friendly.
19. (Has , Have) you helped other students with their papers before?
20. A colorful assortment of toys (attract , attracts) shoppers to the store's display window.
21. Ruby and her mother (bake , bakes) cakes and cookies for a local restaurant.
22. In your opinion, what (is , are) my paper's biggest problems?
23. The ice cubes in the punchbowl (have , has) melted.
24. Traditionally, the red dot that Indian women wear on their foreheads (indicate , indicates) that they are married Hindus.
25. All my neighbors (is , are) outside shoveling or playing in the snow.