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| **Subject: Subject – Verb Agreement** |
| Outlined below are some Subject – Verb Agreement rules dealing with expressions of quantity.1. The verb is determined by the noun that follows "of" in most expressions of quantity.

***Ex****. A section of the building* **is***not insulated. A bunch of my buddies* **are** *forming a soccer team.* *Two-thirds of the money***is** *mine. Some of the books* **are** *used.*1. One of, each of, and every one of take singular verbs.

***Ex****.* *One of my grammar books* **has** *been stolen. Every one of the cars* **looks** *old.* *Each of the teachers* **is** *here.*1. Subjects with none of are considered singular in formal English even though the noun is plural.

*Ex. None of the boys* **lives** *here now.*1. A number of is an expression of quantity meaning ‘a lot of’. It is followed by a plural noun and

a plural verb. The number of is the subject and is followed by a singular verb. *Ex. A number of complaints* **are** *made everyday about your poor attitude.* *The number of students in the class* **is** *ten.* |

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| *Please conjugate the following verbs so that they agree with their subject. All verbs are to be* *conjugated in the present tense.* |

1. Each of the sopranos (sing) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a solo.
2. A number of her staff in this office (work) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the night shift.
3. Some of these items (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out of stock.
4. One of my neighbours (write) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for our local newspaper.
5. A flock of birds (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ often seen at that bird feeder.
6. None of the houses (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ painted green.
7. The number of participants in the game (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ eight.
8. Three-quarters of the amount (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ going to charity.