

AGREEMENT

1. Choose the correct option.

¾ of a ton **is – are** too much.

3.5 km **is – are** about 2 miles.

Where **is that – are those** five pounds I lent you?

Twenty miles **is – are** a long way.

Zero **degree – degrees** Celsius **is – are** 32 degrees Fahrenheit

A third of the students **is – are** from abroad.

Half of the glasses **is – are** broken.

Half of my friends **lives – live** abroad.

Half of the students **doesn't – don't** understand a word he says.

I've been waiting for one and a half **hour – hours**.

One of my friends **is – are** getting married

More than one person **is – are** going to have to find **a new job – new jobs**.

She's one of the few women who **has – have** climbed Everest.

One in three new cars **breaks – break** down in the first year.

One out of five cars **breaks – break** down in the first year.

Neither of them **participates – participate** in conferences.

A group of us **is – are** going to take a boat through the French canals.

Some of the people are relations and the rest **is – are** old friends.

A couple of my friends **plans – plan** to open a travel agency.

The staff **is – are** on strike.

The gin and tonic **isn't – aren't** very strong, **is it – are they?**

Dual nationality: if the child possesses the nationality or citizenship of another country **he – he or she – they** may lose this when they get a British Passport. (from a British passport application form)

Six people lost their **life – lives** in the accident.

The managing director, together with his heads of department, **is – are** preparing a new budget.

The Prime Minister, as well as several Cabinet ministers, **believes – believe** in tough financial policy.

A serious problem in our garden **is – are** wasps.

The biggest timewaster **is – are** meetings.

The most interesting thing on the radio and television last weekend, without any doubt, **was – were** the tennis championships.

What we need most **is – are** a few bright young engineers.

Nobody except his best friends **like – likes** him.

PUCTUATION – REVISION

I. List main rules about writing comma in English sentences.

II. Explain how other punctuation marks are used.

III.

a) Fill in comma(s) (if any) in the following sentences.

I spoke to my sisters Sophie and Elisabeth.

The population near this river flowing across the continent are in danger from a rare disease.

b) What is the problem with the first sentence? Can you improve it?

IV. Improve the following sentences:

a) Joe has three cats and seven dogs of many breeds, large and small, live next door to him.

b) The dietician provided apples, tasty, soft ones, sweet, ripe naval oranges from Spain, big, firm bananas, and red, seedless grapes.

V. Explain the difference between the sentences.

Her sister, who is her identical twin, arrived. X Her sister who is her identical twin arrived.

VI. Fill in punctuation marks. You can form two different letters.

DEAR JACK I WANT A MAN WHO KNOWS WHAT LOVE IS ALL ABOUT YOU ARE GENEROUS KIND
THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT LIKE YOU ADMIT TO BEING USELESS AND INFERIOR YOU HAVE
RUINED ME FOR OTHER MEN I YEARN FOR YOU I HAVE NO FEELINGS WHATSOEVER WHEN WE ARE
APART I CAN BE FOREVER HAPPY WILL YOU LET ME BE YOURS SUSAN