

Lesson material 9a

1. is 2. believe 3. is 4. were 5. is 6. show 7. is 8. were 9. was/were 10. are 11. are 12. support/supports
13. is 14. are 15. is 16. have 17. don't 18. is 19. studies 20. were 21. is 22. is, it 23. need 24. was 25. is
26. are 27. is 28. support 29. are 30. are 31. is/(are) 32. are 33. is/(are) 34. decide/decides 35. is 36.
are 37. is 38. keeps/keep

Lesson material 9b

I.

¾ of a ton **is** – **are** too much.

3.5 kilometres **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. 527.4

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 new 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.

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.

VI.

LETTER 1

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

LETTER 2

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
