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LESSON 4

Noun/Verb Agreement

AP Guidance on Noun/Verb Agreement

The verb doesn't always connect with the nearest noun. Read it out loud to see if it sounds correct.

1. **Everyone involved in your day care facility, including staff members, parents and children, need/needs to understand the types of behavior that won't be tolerated.**
2. **A world of immersive journeys awaits/await you.**
3. **This reporting speed and frequency equip/equips you to rapidly identify and respond to the real-world marketing tactics of your competition.**

Collective Nouns

Nouns that denote a unit take singular verbs and pronouns: class, committee, crowd, family, group, herd, jury, orchestra, team.

Some usage examples:

1. **The committee is meeting to set its agenda.**
2. **The jury reached its verdict.**
3. **A herd of cattle was sold.**

Plural in Form

Some words that are plural in form become collective nouns and take singular verbs when the group or quantity is regarded as a unit.

**Correct: A thousand bushels is a good yield.
(A unit.)**

**Correct: A thousand bushels were created.
(Individual items.)**

Sports and Entertainment

Team and musical group names that are plural take plural verbs:

The Tigers are in first place.
The Beatles are iconic.

Team or group names with no plural forms also take plural verbs:

The Miami Heat are battling for third place.
Other examples: Orlando Magic, Oklahoma City Thunder, Utah Jazz, Alabama Crimson Tide.

Most singular names take singular verbs, including places and university names in sports:

Coldplay is on tour.
Boston is favored in the playoffs.
Stanford is in the NCAA Tournament.

Commonly Confused Words

Affect (as a verb)

MEANING:
To influence

EXAMPLE:
The game will affect the standings.

Effect (as a verb)

MEANING:
To cause

EXAMPLE:
He will effect many changes in the company.

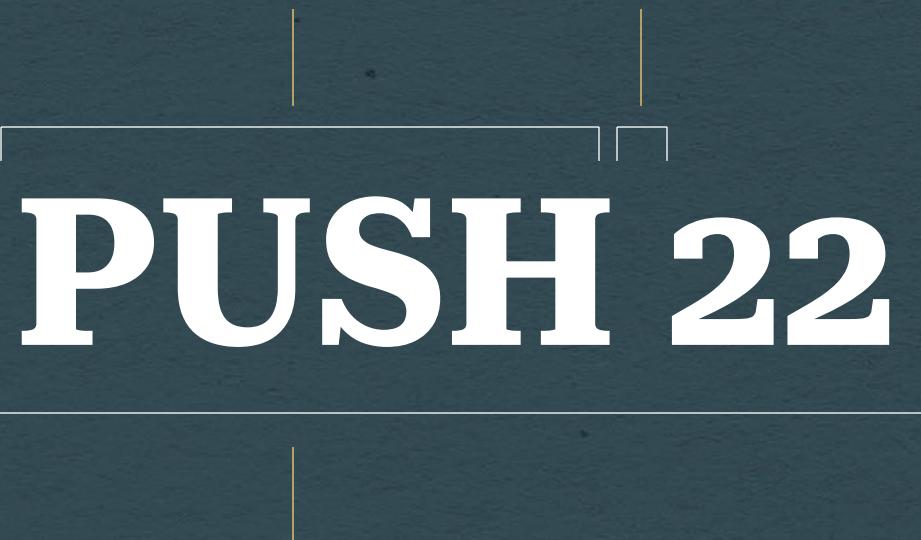
Effect (as a noun)

MEANING:
Result

EXAMPLES:
The effect was overwhelming.
He miscalculated the effect of his actions.
It was a law of little effect.

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Keep on same line

NOT Push22,
PUSH22 or push 22

Oops in the Wild



Thank You!