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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

Some usage examples:

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

- 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.

Company Name

Always all caps with a space



PUSH 22

Keep on same line

NOT Push22,
PUSH22 or push 22

Oops in the Wild



Thank You!