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TO DO: READ AND COMPLETE THIS WORKSHEET—FRONT AND BACK. THIS IS DUE MONDAY, MAY 16. IT WILL BE GRADED. THERE IS A BONUS OPPORTUNITY ON REVERSE SIDE. →

New S/V Traps! Sentences in which *there* or *here* precedes the verb and sentences that are questions.

➔ First, read *Evergreen* 359-360, and answer the following question:

☞ In sentences that begin with *there* or *here* and in question sentences, where is the subject usually found? _____

➔ **Application of this rule:**

Circle the **subject** in the following sentences:

1. Where are my scarf and mittens?
2. Here are your scarf and mittens.

Practice/ Edit the following sentences to make sure that the subject agrees with the verb in number, and correct any additional mistakes. If a sentence is correct, write “C” next to the sentence.

1. Here is a some money and a ticket to the new performance of Romeo and Juliet.
2. There go Kevin and Ellis.
3. There go Kevin and Ellis’ latin teacher.
4. Here comes Dasha and Sofia, as well as Kevin and Ellis.
5. Here is a fork and a spoon.
6. Where is the childrens teacher?
7. When was this pool and cabana built?
8. Here is a little quiz with a few easy questions and a homework pass with your name on it.
9. Within the royal family of Thebes there exists a great deal of suspicion and resentment.
10. The principal or her staff handles these issues.

🔦 Subject-Verb Agreement—Two Final (Small) Traps –

1. Don't be confused by nouns that come after a linking verb (is, are, was, were, been, being). If there are nouns on both sides of the verb, the subject is the noun before the verb.

😊 My biggest problem **is** too many homework assignments.

😞 My biggest problem **are** too many homework assignments.

😊 Too many assignments **are** my biggest problem.

😞 Too many assignments **is** my biggest problem.

2. Don't be confused by phrases such as *along with*, *together with*, *accompanied by*, *as well as*, *including*, and *in addition to*; **such phrases are prepositions and don't make your subject compound or plural.**

😊 Jordan and Sara play basketball well.

😞 Jordan, as well as Sara, play basketball well.

😊 Jordan, as well as thousands of other American girls, plays basketball.

😊 Broccoli, in addition to squash and all other vegetables, is good for you.

Practice: Fix any incorrect verbs.

1. At this store, the only available fruit is peaches.
2. Tennis, as well as cycling and swimming, are great aerobic sports
3. Tennis, cycling, and swimming are great aerobic sports.
4. The governor, along with his campaign manager and speechwriter, is being interviewed on TV tonight.
5. Where is my sleeping bag and tent?
6. A major force in today's economy are women—as earners, consumers, and investors.



Bonus: Obviously, most compound subjects take a plural verb (e.g., Ron and Hermione are here), but CAN YOU THINK of an example of a phrase that consists of two nouns joined by “and” that is a subject – and YET still takes a singular verb?