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**AGREEMENT – RULES ADDED TO <http://en.fel.zcu.cz>**

**I. SINGULAR VERB (sg):**

**1. fractions, decimals, amounts, measurements**

$\frac{3}{4}$  of a ton *is* too much.

**2. more than one + sg noun**

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

**3. one of + pl noun (see section III, 1)**

One of my friends *is* getting married

**4. A as well as B**

**A together with B**

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

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

**5. sg subject, plural (pl) verb component**

A serious problem in our garden *is* wasps.

Nobody except his best friends *likes* him.

**6. two nouns understood as one unit**

Your toast and marmalade *is* on the table.

**7. uncountable nouns**

This information *is* unbelievable.

Your hair *is* very pretty.

A good knowledge of three languages *is* necessary for this job

**6. emphasis: It is .... that (who)**

*It was* the Americans who landed on the Moon.

**II. PLURAL VERB:**

**1. people doing the same thing**

Six people lost their *lives* in the accident

**2. numbers of people or things (even after a singular fraction!!)**

A third of the students *are* from abroad.

**3. a group of + pl noun**

**a couple of + pl noun**

**half of + pl noun**

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

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

Half of the glasses *are* broken.

### **III. BOTH POSSIBILITIES:**

#### **1. one of + pl noun + relative clause (see section I, 3)**

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

#### **2. one in three + pl noun**

##### **one out of five + pl noun**

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.

#### **3. relative what-clause**

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

#### **4. subject a long way from verb (see section I, 5)**

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

#### **5. data**

New data *is - are* available.

Based on M. Swan - Practical English Usage