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## 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.

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