

Worksheet 4/7 on Singular Subject Verb Agreement

Mini Lesson

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**Example**

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**Directions**

	<b>Singular Verb</b>	<b>Plural Verb</b>
<b>Present Tense</b>	is	are
<b>Past Tense</b>	was	were

- 1 Water is the number one most popular drink in the world.  
.....
- 2 Tea \_\_\_\_\_ invented about 4,800 years ago and quickly became the second most favourite drink in the world.  
.....
- 3 The invention of tea \_\_\_\_\_ by accident.  
.....
- 4 Tree leaves drifted into Emperor Shen Nung's boiling water. He thought the taste \_\_\_\_\_ delicious.  
.....
- 5 People \_\_\_\_\_ enjoying tea in Europe from the early 1600's.  
.....
- 6 Tea \_\_\_\_\_ used to trade for other wares in some Asian countries. Merchants \_\_\_\_\_ buying and selling items with blocks of tea.  
.....
- 7 Thomas Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_ the inventor of the tea bag.  
.....
- 8 Little silk bags \_\_\_\_\_ sent to his costumers as samples. They \_\_\_\_\_ thrilled with the bags.  
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- 9 Today, more than half of the tea \_\_\_\_\_ drunk from a tea bag.  
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- 10 Over 800 billion cups of tea \_\_\_\_\_ sipped worldwide.  
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Countable and Noncountable Nouns from the sentences above.

<b>Countable Noun</b>	<b>Verb</b>	<b>Noncountable Noun</b>	<b>Verb</b>
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Thomas Sullivan (singular)	was	taste	was
bags (plural)	were	tea	is
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**Count Nouns**

**Noncount Nouns**

apple (one apple, two apples)

air, grass, weather, rain, snow

chair (a chair, several chairs)

furniture, clothing, soap

child (the child, seven children)

humor, intelligence, literature

computer (several computers)

oil, water, milk (liquids)

**To indicate the amount for a noncount noun, use a count noun first;**

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an ear of corn

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**The names of many foods are noncount nouns;**

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