

Mastering English Concord Rules

English Language · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. What does the term 'Concord' mean in English grammar?

- A) The study of vocabulary
- B) An agreement between two units in a sentence**
- C) The structure of a paragraph
- D) The history of English literature

2. Which type of concord depends on the intended meaning rather than syntax?

- A) Grammatical concord
- B) Situational concord
- C) Notional concord**
- D) Proximity concord

3. Which of the following is considered a 'zero plural' noun?

- A) Students
- B) Aircraft**
- C) Computers
- D) Teachers

4. In the sentence 'The banker and teacher is approachable', why is a singular verb used?

- A) The subjects are plural
- B) The subjects refer to one unit**
- C) It is a relative clause
- D) The subject is a pronoun

5. What is the rule when using 'neither...nor' to connect two subjects?

- A) The verb agrees with the first subject
- B) The verb is always plural
- C) The verb agrees with the closer noun phrase**
- D) The verb is always singular

6. Which verb form is used with the phrase 'The number of'?

- A) Singular**
- B) Plural
- C) Past tense only
- D) Depends on the object

7. What is the guiding principle for Subject-Verb agreement?

A) Agreement by proximity

B) One at a time

C) Plural takes precedence

D) Subject follows verb

8. Which of these is a cause of concord errors?

A) Overgeneralization of rules

B) Using too many adjectives

C) Lack of vocabulary

D) Excessive use of nouns

9. When 'along with' connects two noun phrases, the verb agrees with which NP?

A) The one closer to the verb

B) The one further from the verb

C) The first one mentioned

D) The plural one

10. In a complex subject, which word determines the number of the verb?

A) The determiner

B) The pre-modifier

C) The headword

D) The post-modifier