

## Tip 1: Subject-Verb Agreement Exercise Answers

1. A \_\_\_ A team of human resource managers develop employee guidelines each year.  
B \_\_\_ A team of human resource managers develops employee guidelines each year.

**B is the correct answer.**

A is incorrect. *Team* is the subject; *of human resource managers* describes the team. A team develops. It develops.

2. A \_\_\_ Each of our directors attend two conferences a year.  
B \_\_\_ Each of our directors attends two conferences a year.

**B is the correct answer.**

A is incorrect. *Each* is the subject. Each attends two conferences. She attends. He attends. *Each, either, every, such, and neither* require singular verbs.

3. A. \_\_\_ Any computer problem damages our credibility.  
B. \_\_\_ Any computer problems damages our credibility.

**A is the correct answer.**

B is incorrect. The indefinite pronouns *all, any, more, most, none, and some* can be either singular or plural, depending on whether the word they refer to is singular or plural. Any problem damages us. Any problems damage us.

4. A. \_\_\_ There are twelve items on the agenda today.  
B. \_\_\_ There's twelve items on the agenda today.

**A is the correct answer.**

B is incorrect. The verb agrees with the subject even when the subject follows the verb. *There's* is a contraction of *There is*. There is one item. There are twelve items.

5. A. \_\_\_ *Better Homes and Gardens* is my mother's favorite magazine.  
B. \_\_\_ Joe and Tom, who represents us at the corporate meetings, are exceptional speakers.

**A is the correct answer.**

B is incorrect. The verb in the dependent clause agrees with the antecedent of *who*. Joe and Tom represent us. Joe and Tom, who represent us, are exceptional speakers.