ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Is or Are? Subject-Verb Agreement Quiz for Beginners (A1)

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Explanations

1. My brother ___ ten years old.
✔ **A) is**
My brother is one person, so we use is.

2. These apples ___ very sweet.
✔ **B) are**
Apples is plural (more than one), so we use are.

3. This book ___ about animals.
✔ **C) is**
This book is one thing, so we use is. We use this with one thing.

4. Your shoes ___ under the bed.
✔ **D) are**
Shoes is plural, so we use are.

5. The children ___ in the garden.
✔ **D) are**
Children is the plural of child, so we use are. It has no -s, but it means more than one.

6. ___ there a bank near here?
✔ **A) Is**
A bank is one thing, so we say Is there ...?

7. There ___ three cats on the wall.
✔ **A) are**
Three cats is plural, so we say there are.

8. The weather ___ nice today.
✔ **C) is**
Weather is one thing. We can’t count it, so we use is.

9. My parents ___ teachers.
✔ **B) are**
My parents are two people, so we use are.

10. Which sentence is correct?
✔ **B) These books are new.**
These goes with plural nouns, and plural nouns take are: These books are new.

11. The milk ___ in the fridge.
✔ **A) is**
We can’t count milk (one milk, two milks is wrong), so we use is.

12. Tom and Anna ___ my friends.
✔ **C) are**
Tom and Anna are two people, so we use are.

13. Those men ___ from Spain.
✔ **C) are**
Men is the plural of man. Those goes with plural nouns, and we use are.

14. Where ___ my keys?
✔ **B) are**
Keys is plural, so we ask Where are my keys?

15. Which sentence is correct?
✔ **D) The bus is late.**
The bus is one thing, so we say The bus is late. For more than one: The buses are late.

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