

LANGUAGE HANDBOOK **2** AGREEMENT

WORKSHEET 5

Ensuring Agreement with Subjects Joined by *And*, *Or*, or *Nor* (Rules 2 g, h)

EXERCISE A: In the following sentences, underline each subject and then underline the verb form in parentheses that agrees with the subject.

EXAMPLES 1. Juanita and Chris (*is, are*) studying for the math exam.
 2. Rhythm and blues (*is, are*) a classic form of American music.

1. LaTonya and Maria (*play, plays*) volleyball with John and Conner.
2. Plot and character (*are, is*) important elements in a short story.
3. Mosses and lichens (*grow, grows*) in the arctic tundra.
4. The president and owner of the software company (*is, are*) Elise Washington.
5. Apples, oranges, and bananas (*makes, make*) a tasty fruit salad.
6. Country and western (*has, have*) many fans.
7. *Little Women* and *Little Men* (*were, was*) written by Louisa May Alcott.
8. Macaroni and cheese (*is, are*) Nick's favorite meal.
9. Macaroni and cheese (*is, are*) the basic ingredients.
10. Sweet-and-sour pork (*was, were*) the featured item on the menu.

EXERCISE B: In the following sentences, underline each subject and then underline the verb form in parentheses that agrees with the subject.

EXAMPLES 1. Either Andy or Karla (*has, have*) the information you need.
 2. Neither the principal nor the teacher (*was, were*) delayed by the snowstorm.

1. Neither Li nor Pang (*read, reads*) much science fiction.
2. Neither the committee members nor the chairperson (*was, were*) on time.
3. Turquoise jewelry or woven baskets (*is, are*) sold at almost every corner in town.
4. (*Are, Is*) Jupiter or Zeus the supreme Roman deity?
5. Either the teacher or the students (*reads, read*) the directions.
6. Neither Tina nor Fernando (*like, likes*) jazz.
7. Channel 7 or Channel 18 (*show, shows*) wildlife documentaries.
8. Ms. Galinsky or Mr. Deneuve (*have, has*) the details about the meeting.
9. Neither Easter Island nor the Aleutian Islands (*is, are*) located in the Atlantic.
10. Neither downhill skiing nor cross-country skiing (*appeals, appeal*) to me.