

Lesson 55 Circle the simple subject in each sentence. Then underline the correct form of each verb in parentheses.

1. This can of clams (smell/smells) fishy!
2. Clams (is/are) supposed to smell fishy.
3. Fresh clams from New England (taste/tastes) great in chowder.
4. When fresh clams aren't available, chowder made with canned clams (is/are) just fine.
5. The students in my cooking class (make/makes) chowder with fresh fish.
6. Clam juice from bottles (enhance/enhances) the chowder's flavor.
7. Too much liquid in chowder (make/makes) the broth watery.
8. Chunks of potato (help/helps) to thicken the broth.
9. The broth in these bowls (seem/seems) too thin.
10. But thick and lumpy soup (do/does) not appeal to me either.
11. The pot full of vegetables (is/are) bubbling vigorously.
12. Cooks with experience (stir/stirs) chowder to keep solid ingredients from sticking.
13. Chowder without salt and pepper (taste/tastes) bland.
14. A package of oyster crackers (is/are) served with each bowl of chowder.
15. The ingredients in this soup (was/were) the freshest the cook could find.

Lesson 56 Look at the compound subject in each sentence. Circle the conjunction(s). Then underline the correct verb.

1. Ben and his sister Veronica (is/are) very active on weekends.
2. A bike ride, a swim, or a hike (is/are) likely to be their choice this weekend.
3. Sometimes Rene and Jaime (go/goes) biking or swimming with them.
4. Neither Rene nor Jaime (enjoy/enjoys) hiking, though.
5. Veronica, Ben, Jaime, and Rene often (bike/bikes) to the neighborhood park.
6. Bike lanes and paths (make/makes) their rides at the park safe and pleasant.
7. On occasion, either Ben or Jaime (bring/brings) along a soccer ball.
8. Veronica and her brother also (like/likes) rainy days.
9. On those days, either Veronica or Ben (bake/bakes) cookies.
10. Peanut butter or oatmeal (is/are) the kind Veronica usually makes.
11. Shortbread or ginger snaps (is/are) more to Ben's liking.
12. Sometimes Veronica, Ben, and their little brother Freddy (watch/watches) TV.
13. Ben or Freddy usually (pick/picks) the show.
14. Veronica and her two brothers (prefer/prefers) classic cartoons to new ones.
15. Now and then, Freddy or Ben (choose/chooses) a nature show.