

INDEFINITE PRONOUNS

Some indefinite pronouns are always singular. Others are always plural. *Some, none, all, any,* and *most* are singular when they refer to a quantity. They are plural when they refer to a number of individual items.

SINGULAR			PLURAL	SINGULAR OR PLURAL	
each	someone	nobody	several	some	any
either	everyone	somebody	few	none	most
neither	anyone	everybody	both	all	
one	no one		many		

One of the books *was* lost.

Several in the club *are* good at speaking in public.

Some of the money *was* missing.

Some of the windows *are* dirty.

Choosing the Standard Verb Form. Underline the standard form of the verb for each sentence below.

Example: Somebody (is, are) at the door.

1. Most of the library books (has, have) been returned.
2. Everybody on the bus (was, were) going to Cleveland.
3. Few of the men (is, are) going to play in the tournament.
4. Neither of the two senators (has, have) explained the matter.
5. All of us (is, are) hoping that Steve will win.
6. Nobody (knows, know) the answer to your question.
7. Several of the retired men (has, have) started volunteer tutoring at the school.
8. One of them (is, are) badly mistaken.
9. Everyone at the birthday party (was, were) somehow related to Jean.
10. No one (is, are) doing his best work.
11. (Is, Are) there any of the pie left?
12. Both of the girls (is, are) going to Ohio State next fall.
13. Many of the club members (wants, want) to visit Disneyland.
14. (Is, Are) somebody looking for a lost glove?
15. Some of the salad (has, have) been eaten.
16. Some of us (has, have) never ridden bicycles before.
17. None of the milk (was, were) sour.
18. Each of us (was, were) planning a trip.
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