

Name _____

Underline For Agreement Answer Key

1. **was** - "Group" is singular.
2. **look** - Subject "apples" is plural.
3. **are** - Verb agrees with subject closest to it: "students" (plural).
4. **are** - "Scissors" is plural in form.
5. **decides** - "Committee" is singular here.
6. **runs** - "Each" is singular.
7. **chases** - Subject is "dog" (singular); "along with cats" doesn't change it.
8. **is** - Amount of money is singular.
9. **need** - Subject "boxes" is plural.
10. **claps** - "Everyone" is singular.
11. **was** - "News" is singular in meaning.
12. **belong** - Compound subject "pencil and eraser" is plural.
13. **discusses** - "Class" is treated as a single unit.
14. **smells** - Subject is "bouquet" (singular).
15. **is** - "Mathematics" is singular.

Teacher Notes

- This activity reinforces how **number agreement** works even when extra words or phrases appear between subject and verb.
- Watch for **trick words** like "each," "everyone," and "news," which are singular despite appearing plural.
- Collective nouns (committee, class, group) may shift depending on context; this worksheet uses them as singular.
- Encourage students to double-check by **crossing out prepositional phrases** (e.g., "of roses," "in the basket") so they can focus on the core subject.