

SINGULAR AND PLURAL

■ Singular: One

First person

I am, I sit, I swim, I study
I was, I have been

Second person

You are, you sit, you swim, you study
You were, you have been,

Third person

He is, it sits, she swims, she studies
He was, it has been

Singular nouns

The dog barks
The teacher is grading
The library was closed
The truth has been debated

Collective nouns

Congress is frustrated.
The committee was tired.
The team has arrived.
The audience rises to its feet.
The crowd cheers for her.
The senior class is going to Lagoon.

Singular indefinite pronouns

Do you know if anybody is going?
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Each of us was training for the race.
Either of those burgers sounds good.
Everyone is angry at them.
Someone has got to paint the house.

BUT

Some of our food was spoiled.
None of the truth has been revealed.
Neither of them was willing to come.

■ Plural: Two or More

First person

We **are**, we sit, we swim, we study
We **were**, we have been

Second person

You are, you sit, you swim, you study
You were, you have been

Third person

They are, they sit, they swim, they study
They were, they have been

Plural nouns

The dogs bark
The teachers are grading
The libraries were closed
The theories have been debated

People with collective nouns

Congress members are frustrated.
The committee clerks were tired.
The team captains have arrived.
The audience members rise to their feet.
The people in the crowd cheer for her.
The seniors are going to Lagoon.

Plural indefinite pronouns

All of us are going to the fair.
Both of them have been washed.
Many of the eggs were broken.

BUT

Some of the eggs were spoiled.
None of the teachers were ready.
Neither the teacher nor the students were ready.