

Subject-Verb Agreement

Don't be tricked by prepositions. Often the phrases that come between the subject and the verb are prepositional phrases. Learn to recognize these common prepositions:

about	around	between	for	on	under
above	at	beyond	from	over	until
across	before	but (except)	in	past	unto
after	behind	by	into	since	up
against	below	down	like	through	upon
along	beneath	during	of	to	with
among	beside	except	off	toward	

Those prepositions and the nouns that follow them (objects of the prepositions) are prepositional phrases. Objects of prepositions cannot be subjects of sentences.

Examples:

The letter (singular) to the editors (prepositional phrase) **is** (singular to agree with *letter*) ready.

The copiers (plural) in Operations (prepositional phrase) **are** (plural to agree with *copiers*) better than those in our area.