

## **Document 1**

### **1-PLURAL IN FORM BUT SINGULAR IN MEANING**

Some subjects plural in form but singular in meaning take a singular verb:

*Economics is* a subject few directors understand well enough to make their companies profitable in times of recession.

*Hives is* a good way to prove your frustration over the assignment in Saudi Arabia.

The *news* from his office *is* always depressing.

*Research and development is* his area of responsibility.

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The *premises have been* thoroughly inspected.

My *thanks go* to each of you who make me look literate.

His *savings were depleted* years ago

### **2- EXPRESSIONS OF TIME, MONEY, AND QUANTITIES**

when thought of as a single unit, expressions of time, money, and quantity take a singular verb.

*Ten dollars is* actually quite inexpensive for the kind of coffee I ordered.

*Two hours is* enough time to draft a resignation letter and clear out your desk.

*Four acres in the country has become* his idea of retirement.