

## Agreement With Compound Subjects

Decide whether the verb in each sentence is singular or plural. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

1. Rock-n-roll and folk music are my favorite kinds of music.  
**A** singular      **B** plural
2. Bruce Springsteen and Billy Joel are great classic rock-n-roll performers.  
**A** singular      **B** plural
3. A piano or a guitar makes the best music, in my opinion.  
**A** singular      **B** plural
4. Joni Mitchell or Cat Stevens would be a good introduction to folk music.  
**A** singular      **B** plural
5. Mitchell's music and lyrics show what classic folk music was like.  
**A** singular      **B** plural
6. James Taylor and Carly Simon were also folk musicians.  
**A** singular      **B** plural
7. Popular, or "pop," music and folk music sometimes were the same thing, especially for singers like James Taylor.  
**A** singular      **B** plural
8. Pop music or folk music deals with important subjects, but folk music is better known for addressing these issues.  
**A** singular      **B** plural
9. Of course, many singers and musicians can help you learn about music history.  
**A** singular      **B** plural
10. Music history and other arts' histories often reflect general history.  
**A** singular      **B** plural

Decide which verb best completes each sentence. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

11. A guitar and drums \_\_\_\_\_ all some people use to start a rock band.  
**A** are      **B** is
12. The piano and the bass \_\_\_\_\_ more excitement to many rock songs.  
**A** add      **B** adds
13. A marching band and a rock band \_\_\_\_\_ very different.  
**A** is      **B** are
14. Neither a flute nor other wind instruments \_\_\_\_\_ often found in a rock band.  
**A** are      **B** is
15. Saxophones or trumpets \_\_\_\_\_ sometimes a part of rock bands.  
**A** is      **B** are
16. But guitars, basses, and a drum set \_\_\_\_\_ the instruments you'll find in almost every rock band.  
**A** is      **B** are
17. A lead singer and the background singers \_\_\_\_\_ to blend their voices when they sing.  
**A** try      **B** tries
18. A song's lyrics or its title \_\_\_\_\_ sometimes created by only one band member.  
**A** is      **B** are
19. But the band and its staff \_\_\_\_\_ together to make a recording of a song.  
**A** works      **B** work
20. If you and your friends \_\_\_\_\_ to start a band, I hope I can be a part of it, too.  
**A** want      **B** wants