

GRAMMAR REVISION

Episode 3

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SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT

- **Singular Subject:**
 - Thailand **is** known for its beautiful beaches and rich cultural heritage.
 - In this case, the singular subject "Thailand" is paired with the singular verb "is."
- **Plural Subject:**
 - Many tourists from different countries **visit** Thailand every year.
 - Here, the plural subject "tourists" is paired with the plural verb "visit."
- **Compound Subject:**
 - The bustling cities and serene islands of Thailand **offer** diverse experiences.
 - In this example, the compound subject "cities" and "islands" is paired with the plural verb "offer."
- **Indefinite Pronoun (Exceptions):**
 - Everyone in the travel group **wants** to explore Thailand's landmarks.
 - The indefinite pronoun "everyone" is treated as singular, and it is paired with the singular verb "wants."
- **Inverted Sentence:**
 - On the beach in Phuket **are** groups of tourists enjoying the sunset.
 - Even though the subject comes after "on the beach in Phuket," the verb "are" agrees with the plural subject "groups."

TALKING ABOUT THE PRESENT

- **Present Simple: Subject + Verb 1 + Object**
 - The present simple tense is used to describe routine or habitual actions related to employment.
 - Example: "He works at a software company."
- **Present Continuous: Subject + is/am/are + V~ing + Object**
 - The present continuous tense is used for actions happening at the moment or around the present time in the context of employment.
 - Example: "She is currently working on a new project."
- **Present Perfect: Subject + has/have + Verb 3 + Object**
 - The present perfect tense is used to indicate actions that started in the past and have relevance to the present, often in the context of employment experiences.
 - Example: "I have gained a lot of experience in my current job."
- **Present Perfect Continuous: Subject + has/have + been + V~ing + Object**
 - The present perfect continuous tense is used for actions that started in the past, continue into the present, and may continue in the future, especially when discussing duration or progress in employment-related activities.
 - Example: "They have been working on improving their skills for the past few months."

It is suggested that students complete the **Exercise** and then submit it for marking to thinkincafekk@gmail.com with your Student ID Number. No deadline given.

Exercise
Subject-Verb Agreement and Talking about the Present

Exercise: Fill in the blanks with the correct verb form (present simple, present continuous, present perfect, or present perfect continuous) and ensure subject-verb agreement. Choose the correct verb tense based on the context.

1. Thailand _____ (be) known for its vibrant street markets and delicious street food.
2. The Grand Palace in Bangkok _____ (stand) as a symbol of Thailand's rich cultural heritage.
3. At this moment, many tourists in Phuket _____ (enjoy) the beautiful beaches.
4. The Thai government _____ (implement) various measures to promote sustainable tourism.
5. By next year, the city of Chiang Mai _____ (host) the annual lantern festival for a decade.
6. The traditional dance forms of Thailand _____ (pass) down through generations.
7. Elephants in Thailand _____ (play) a significant role in cultural celebrations.


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Answers

1. is
2. stands
3. are enjoying
4. has implemented
5. will have been hosting
6. have been passed
7. play


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