

## EXERCISE 21-2 Subject-verb agreement

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Edit the following sentences to eliminate problems with subject-verb agreement. If a sentence is correct, write “correct” after it. Example:

Jack’s first days in the infantry ~~was~~ <sup>were</sup> grueling.  
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- a. One of the main reasons for elephant poaching are the profits received from selling the ivory tusks.
  - b. Not until my interview with Dr. Hwang were other possibilities opened to me.
  - c. Of those who die in single-car wrecks, a majority is drunk.
  - d. Crystal chandeliers, polished floors, and a new oil painting has transformed Sandra’s apartment.
  - e. The board of directors, ignoring the wishes of the neighborhood, has voted to allow further development.
1. Measles is a contagious childhood disease.
  2. Of particular concern are penicillin and tetracycline, antibiotics used to make animals more resistant to disease.
  3. The presence of certain bacteria in our bodies is one of the factors that determines our overall health.
  4. Sheila is the only one of the many applicants who has the ability to step into this job.
  5. Neither the explorer nor his companions was ever seen again.