Practice activities

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Match the beginnings to the correct endings to make sentences which are grammatically correct and make sense.

| 1. Every animal in the zoo... | a. ...is learning English. |
| 2. These books… | b. ...is fed a natural diet. |
| 3. Youling believes that speaking English fluently… | c. ...sometimes have more than one meaning. |
| 4. Maria, as well as Marco and Alice, … | d. ...are learning English. |
| 5. Unfortunately, English grammar… | e. ...is very expensive! |
| 6. This book… | f. ...is sometimes irregular. |
| 7. English words… | g. ...are very expensive! |
| 8. Marco and Alice… | h. ...is important in the modern world. |
**Exercise 2:**
Kaz and Youling are doing their English homework. Read their sentences and decide which one of them is correct.

1. Kaz: Right Youling, exercise 2, number 1. *Those strawberries are not ready to eat yet.* What have you got?
   
   Youling: No Kaz, I think it should be *Those strawberries is not ready to eat yet.*
   
   a. Kaz is correct.
   b. Youling is correct.

   
   Youling: No, Kaz, it's *That fruit cake look delicious.*
   
   a. Kaz is correct.
   b. Youling is correct.

3. Kaz: Right, number 3: *Every person in the room have eaten a piece of the fruit cake.*
   
   Youling: I think it should be *Every person in the room has eaten a piece of the fruit cake.*
   
   a. Kaz is correct.
   b. Youling is correct.

4. Kaz: Next one: *Each guest, no matter how late it is, has to have a ticket.*
   
   Youling: You mean: *Each guest, no matter how late it is, have to have a ticket.*
   
   a. Kaz is correct.
   b. Youling is correct.

   
   Youling: I think it should say: *Washing up takes a long time without hot water.*
   
   a. Kaz is correct.
   b. Youling is correct.

6. Kaz: Last one! *Using washing-up liquid makes it a lot easier.*
   
   Youling: I don't agree. It must be *Using washing-up liquid make it a lot easier.*
   
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   b. Youling is correct.
Grammar Challenge: subject - verb agreement practice activities

Answers

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a. Kaz is correct. - Well done! Those strawberries are plural & countable
b. Youling is correct. - Sorry - Those strawberries are plural & countable


a. Kaz is correct. - Well done! That fruit cake is singular
b. Youling is correct. - Sorry - That fruit cake is singular
3. Kaz: Right, number 3: *Every person in the room have eaten a piece of the fruit cake.*
   Youling: I think it should be *Every person in the room has eaten a piece of the fruit cake.*
   a. Kaz is correct. – Sorry – Subjects with *each* & *every* take singular verbs
   b. Youling is correct. – Well done! Subjects with *each* & *every* take singular verbs

4. Kaz: Next one: *Each guest, no matter how late it is, has to have a ticket.*
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   a. Kaz is correct. – Well done! The subject and verb must agree with each other, even if they get separated by extra information
   b. Youling is correct. – Sorry - The subject and verb must agree with each other, even if they get separated by extra information

5. Kaz: Let's look at number 5. *Washing up take a long time without hot water*
   Youling: I think it should say: *Washing up takes a long time without hot water*
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