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## GRAMMAR TUTORIALS

### Grammar Explanation

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#### Subject-Verb Agreement: Subject with several words

- A subject can be a single word or a phrase. A long noun phrase has a head subject, and a group of words that describe the head subject.
  - Example: The *statistics in Doctor Kenneth's controversial article* *are inaccurate.*

Note that the phrase *in Doctor Kenneth's controversial article* simply describes the head subject, which is *statistics*.

- The verb must agree with the head subject, not with another noun in the group of words that follow it.
  - Incorrect: The *students who conducted the research with Professor Eliot* *was* praised by the president.
  - Corrected: The *students who conducted the research with Professor Eliot* *were* praised by the president.

Excerpted from: Subject-Verb Agreement: Exercise 2