Subject-Verb Agreement – Exercise 2

This handout accompanies Exercise 2 of Grammar Bytes! Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm

Directions: In the blank, use the correct present tense form of the verb given at the beginning of each sentence.

1. to disapprove: Not only the Zorteks from Saturn but also the Martian ambassador __________ of the unfriendly greeting from the United Nations.

2. to annoy: Each of my brothers __________ me with his bad habits, like nose-picking at the dinner table and spitting on the sidewalk.

3. to keep: Even though Jose has seen the film at least twenty times, Star Wars always __________ him on the edge of his seat.

4. to be: Where __________ the gas mask and HAZMAT gloves? It’s time to change the litter box.

5. to make: The giant spider in the kitchen, together with the cockroaches in the bathroom, __________ entertaining at my house a potentially embarrassing experience.

6. to disagree: Even after carefully considering the evidence for several days, the jury still __________ about the guilt of the mob kingpin.

7. to arrive: For the trial of the mob kingpin, the sequestered jury __________ in a bulletproof van.

8. to give: Physics __________ Philip many headaches because he has to solve long, difficult word problems.

9. to be: A vitamin C tablet, in addition to milk jug caps and dead cockroaches, __________ part of the debris that Sara found when she cleaned under the stove.

10. to see: Neither of the surfers __________ the sharks that wish to make a quick snack of some human toes.

11. to go: Jim, together with his dog Pooh, __________ walking on the golf course everyday, even in the rain.

12. to be: In the backyard of Sam’s house __________ the buried corpses of many pets, including all of the goldfish that he won at state fairs.

13. to be: Zipping through the clouds __________ a fleet of UFO’s—with the United States Air Force in hot pursuit.

14. to make: Not only shopping for presents but also attending boring parties __________ many people dislike the winter holidays.
15. **to cause**: This semester, statistics _________ Shantell the most frustration.

16. **to be**: Mrs. Mauzy told her student, "There _________ too many subject-verb errors in this essay for it to pass."

17. **to have**: The inch-thick dust on all the furniture, as well as the piles of unwashed clothes and dirty dishes, _________ convinced Tony that Horace will not make a good roommate.

18. **to buy**: Neither the nurses nor Dr. Taggart _________ soup at the hospital cafeteria. There are rumors that the cooks regularly use two-week-old leftovers as the primary ingredient.

19. **to have**: That pair of pants _________ a big rip in the back that showcases your polka-dotted boxer shorts.

20. **to enjoy**: Neither the spoiled chimpanzees nor the pampered gorilla _________ bananas without ice cream, chocolate sauce, and chopped nuts.

21. **to fill**: One thousand pounds of jelly beans _________ the bed of Betty's truck.

22. **to sneer**: Richard, the class snob, together with his two arrogant buddies, Philip and Charles, _________ at everyone who pulls into the parking lot in a car that costs less than $50,000.00.

23. **to come**: From the school cafeteria _________ the palest tomatoes, the driest lettuce, and the most nuclear-green pickle slices that you will ever see.

24. **to have**: The entire class, including the two students who have slept every day in the back row, _________ been invited to have dinner at Mr. Parker's house.

25. **to be**: Where _________ the gifts that I deserve for washing all the smashed love bugs off the front of your car?