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Part Three - Summer
Grammar

When writing a sentence, sometimes it can be tricky to know when to use the word *are* versus the word *is* to describe the subject of the sentence. *Are* is used when the subject of the sentence is plural (more than one person, place, thing, idea) in the present tense, and *is* is used when the subject of the sentence is singular (one person, place, thing, idea) in the present tense.

Examples:

Auggie's parents *are* concerned about his school experience.
(plural subject)

Beecher Prep *is* a new experience for August.
(singular subject)

Directions: For the following sentence, determine whether the verb of the sentence should be *are* or *is*.

1. August _____ not an ordinary kid according to his own beliefs.
2. Ms. Garcia, Mr, Browne, and Mr. Tushman _____ staff at Beecher Prep.
3. "Precepts _____ rules about really important things!"
4. Maya _____ a student with a spring name, but August and Summer will make an exception.
5. Halloween _____ Auggie's favorite holiday.
6. Miranda and Ella _____ not very nice to Via when school begins.
7. The Padawan braid _____ a hair braid.
8. Parties _____ not always fun for Summer.
9. The Egyptian Museum exhibit day _____ exciting for students.
10. Summer _____ kind to Jack Will when she gives him a hint about August's anger.