

We use “**everything**” is used in **positive sentences**. (NOT **anything**).

I bought everything at the mall. (*Don't say: I bought ~~anything~~ at the mall*).

He has lost everything. (*Don't say: He has lost ~~anything~~*).

We say **an excellent resume**. (NOT **excellent resume**).

This is an excellent resume. (*Don't say: This is excellent resume*).

This is an example of a physical change. (*Don't say: This is example of a physical change*).

She is a beautiful girl. (*Don't say: She is beautiful girl*).

We say **secure/safe place**. (NOT **security place**).

Keep your passport in a secure place. (*Don't say: Keep your passport in a ~~security~~ place*).

They found a safe place to take shelter from the storm. (*Don't say: They found a ~~security~~ place to take shelter from the storm*).

We say **that pair of shoes is**. (NOT that pair of shoes **are**).

That pair of shoes is not new. (*Don't say: That pair of shoes ~~are~~ not new*).

That pair of shoes is a bit too expensive. (*Don't say: That pair of shoes ~~are~~ a bit too expensive*).

We say **my father as well as my brothers is**. (NOT my father as well as my brothers **are**).

My father as well as my brothers is enjoying the party. (*Don't say: My father as well as my brothers ~~are~~ enjoying the party*).

My brother as well as my sisters is going to London next summer. (*Don't say: My brother as well as my sisters ~~are~~ going to London next summer*).

We say **Diabetes is**. (NOT Diabetes **are**).

Diabetes is a dangerous disease. (*Don't say: Diabetes ~~are~~ a dangerous disease*).

Arthritis is most commonly seen in adults over the age of 65. (*Don't say: Arthritis ~~are~~ most commonly seen in adults over the age of 65*).

Measles is most commonly seen in children below 5-6 years. (*Don't say: Measles ~~are~~ most commonly seen in children below 5-6 years*).

We say **mathematics is**. (NOT mathematics **are**).

Mathematics is my brother's strength. (*Don't say: Mathematics ~~are~~ my brother's strength*).

Economics is a very difficult subject. (*Don't say: Economics ~~are~~ a very difficult subject*).

We say **50 dollars is**. (NOT 50 dollars **are**).

The book which costs 50 dollars is put on the desks. (*Don't say: The book which costs 50 dollars ~~are~~ put on the desks*).

A million dollars is more than enough to buy a house. (*Don't say: A million dollars ~~are~~ more than enough to buy a house*).

Her wedding ring is worth a million dollars. (*Don't say: Her wedding ring ~~are~~ worth a million dollars*).

We say **30 minutes is**. (NOT 30 minutes **are**).

30 minutes is not enough time for her to write an essay. (*Don't say: 30 minutes ~~are~~ not enough time for her to write an essay*).

2 hours is not enough for our event. (*Don't say: 2 hours ~~are~~ not enough for our event*).

We say **20 kilometers is**. (NOT 20 kilometers **are**).

20 kilometers is a long distance. (*Don't say: 20 kilometers ~~are~~ a long distance*).

Five kilometers is too far for the child to walk. (*Don't say: Five kilometers ~~are~~ too far for the child to walk*).

We say **some of + plural noun + plural verb**, (NOT some of + plural noun +

singular verb).

Some of the students are so excited about the course. (*Don't say: Some of the students ~~is~~ so excited about the course*).

Some of the cakes are not ready. (*Don't say: Some of the cakes ~~is~~ not ready*).

We say **some of + singular noun + singular verb**, (NOT some of + plural noun + **plural verb**).

Some of the money is given to a poor man. (*Don't say: Some of the money ~~are~~ given to a poor man*).

Some of the water is evaporated. (*Don't say: Some of the water ~~are~~ evaporated*).

"Almost" is an **adverb** means *nearly, approximately*

"Most" is an **adjective** means *the majority, the largest part, nearly all of*

Most students study hard. (*Don't say: ~~Almost~~ students study hard*).

Most people would like to travel around the world. (*Don't say: ~~Almost~~ people would like to travel around the world*).

Tom almost failed the exam. (*Don't say: Tom ~~most~~ failed the exam*).

My father is almost eighty years old. (*Don't say: My father is ~~most~~ eighty years old*).

We say **someone's thought**, (NOT someone's **thinking**).

Children's behaviors and thoughts. (*Don't say: Children's behaviors and ~~thinking~~*).

According to her thought, all violence is evil. (*Don't say: According to her ~~thinking~~, all violence is evil*).

We use **inversion** with **seldom** or **rarely**.

Rarely do we go to the movies these days. (*Don't say: Rarely we go to the movies these days*).