

Subject Verb Agreement

Class – 2

Most Important Concepts / Rules

Many a man ~~1/~~ have come for ~~2/~~ the interview ~~3/~~ N.E 4.

~~man~~

~~has~~

1. Many + P.C.N + P.V

→ Many boy ~~x~~ / ~~&~~ ~~is~~ ~~x~~ / ~~are~~ ~~✓~~ working.

1. Many a/an + S.C.N + S.V.

→ Many a boy ~~✓~~ / ~~&~~ ~~is~~ ~~✓~~ / ~~are~~ ~~x~~ working.

1. Sri Lanka ^xis / [✓]are ready for the next world cup.

↓ a b
Plu.



2. India [✗]has / [✓]have won the world cup.

↓ a b
Sub
(Pl. Sub)



3. Australia have a/ defeated Pakistan b/ in a Cricket match c/ N.E d/.



30% is / are enough.

a b

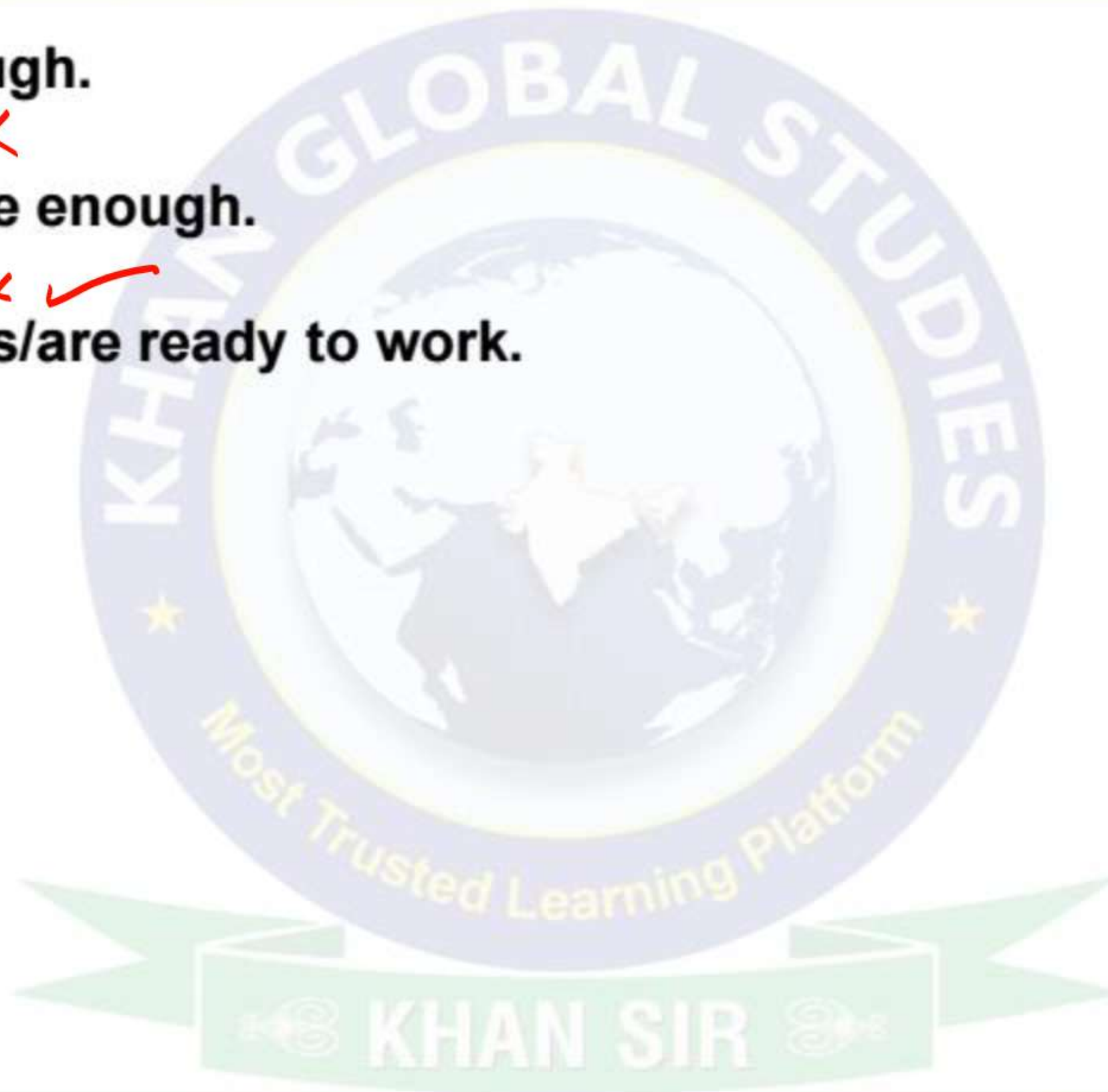


✓ ✓
1.30% is/are enough.

✓ ✗
2.30% water is/are enough.

✓ ✗
3.30% the boys is/are ready to work.

U.N
P.C.N



1. The % of success is/are very high.

2. The % of good books is/are a few.

Obj

⇒ The % of
Sub.

U.N
↓
S.V
P.C.N
↓
Obj

- SS 1. 1000 rupees was/were spent on a movie ticket. ①
- PS 2. 1000 rupees was/were spent on a movie ticket and an Ice – cream. 2
- SS 3. 10 kms was/were covered on foot. 1
- PS 4. 10 kms was/were covered on foot and bicycle. 2
- Sub



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2. Collective noun + p.h.v + They/their.



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1. The jury was/were unanimous in its / their decision.

2. The jury was/were divided about its / their view about the culprit.

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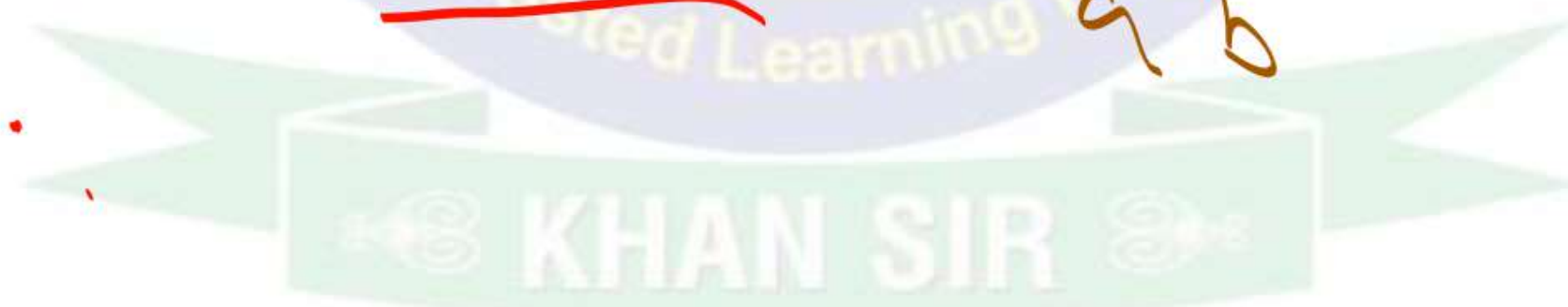
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2. Collective noun + p.h.v + They/their.

1. The army has /have decided to disobey its /their commander.

2. The army has /have different views about its /their new policy.



1. Rohit and Ravi is / are friends.

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S₂

2. Bread and butter is / are my favorite breakfast.

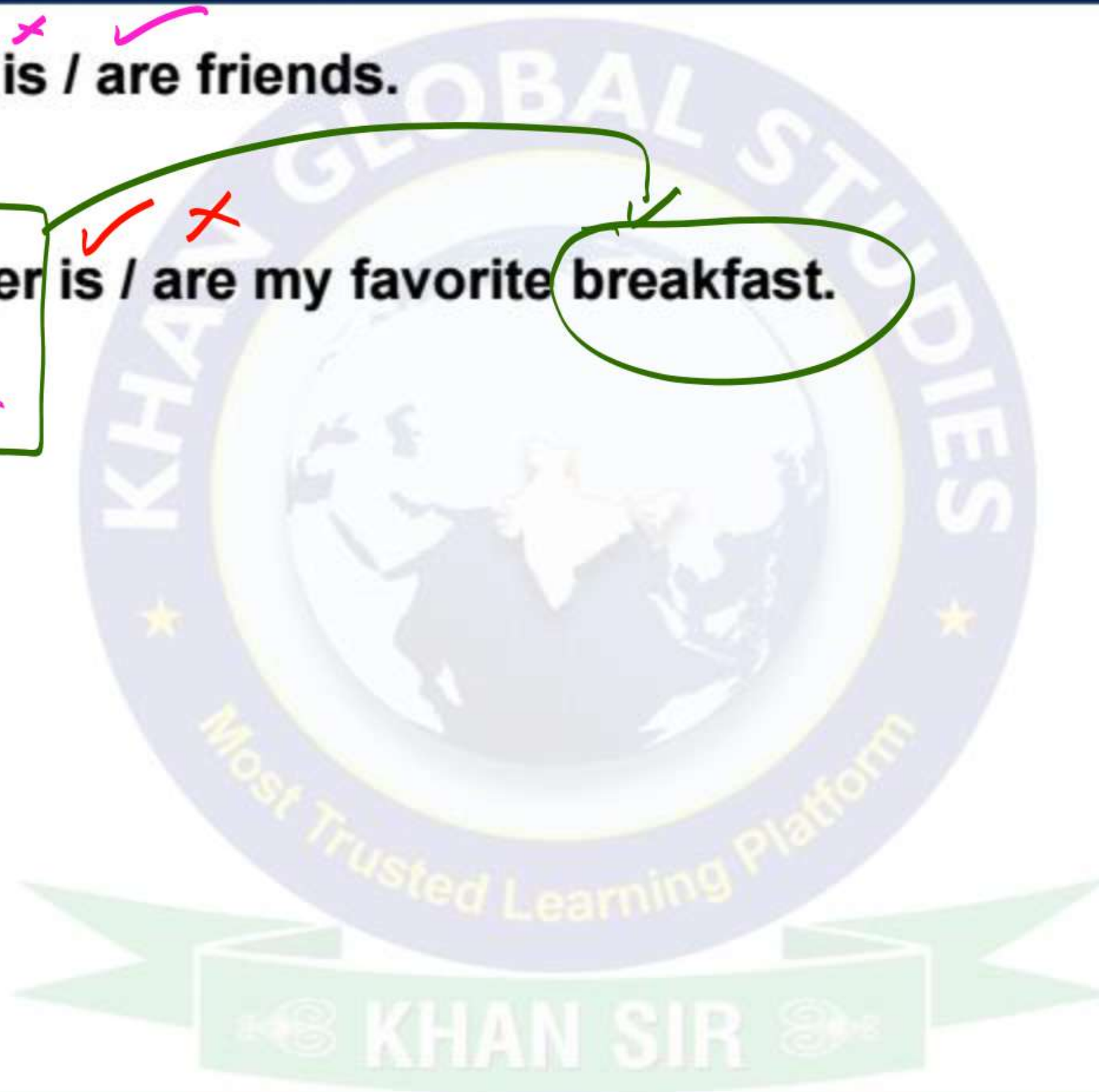
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X

X

S.S



Bread and butter
Rice and curry ✓
Horse and carriage ✓
Slow and steady ✓
Rise and fall ✓
Age and experience ✓
Sum and substance ✓
Time and tide ✓
Fish and chips ✓
Poverty and misery ✓
Love and hatred ✓

When the following phrases represent a collective idea, it is taken as a **singular subject** and followed by **singular verb**.

1. Time and tide wait/waits for none.

Handwritten annotations for the sentence "1. Time and tide wait/waits for none." showing subject-verb agreement analysis:

- Under "Time": S (Singular)
- Under "and": a (and)
- Under "tide": b (tide)
- Under "wait/waits": P.V (Plural Verb) with a red 'X' below it, indicating it is incorrect.
- Under "for none": S.V (Singular Verb) with a red checkmark below it, indicating it is correct.

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When the following phrases represent a collective idea, it is taken as a **singular subject** and followed by **singular verb**.

2. Age and experience has/have its/their benefit.

S.P

✓ ✗ ✓ ✗
a b a b

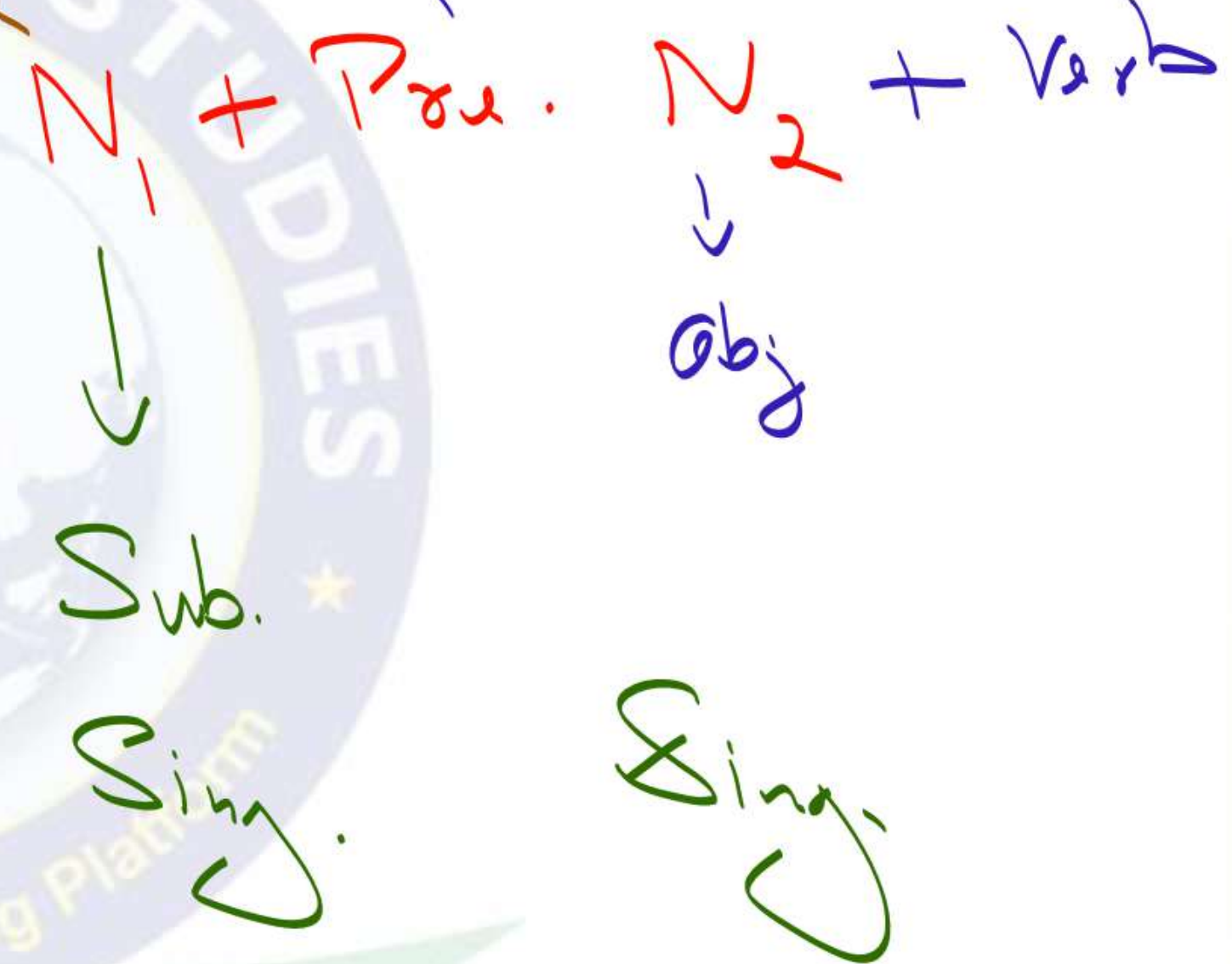


1. Boy after boys is running. ✗

2. Boys after boys is running. ✗

3. Boys after boy is running. ✗

✓ 4. Boy after boy is running.



Noun 1 (Sing. Form) + Preposition + Noun 2 (Sing. Form) + S.V.

1. Girls ~~x~~ upon girl is standing.
2. Girls ~~x~~ upon girls ~~x~~ is standing.
- ✓ 3. Girl upon girl is standing.
S.S P. S.V ✓
4. Girl upon girls ~~x~~ is standing.



1. Principal and Secretary was/were missing.

S₁

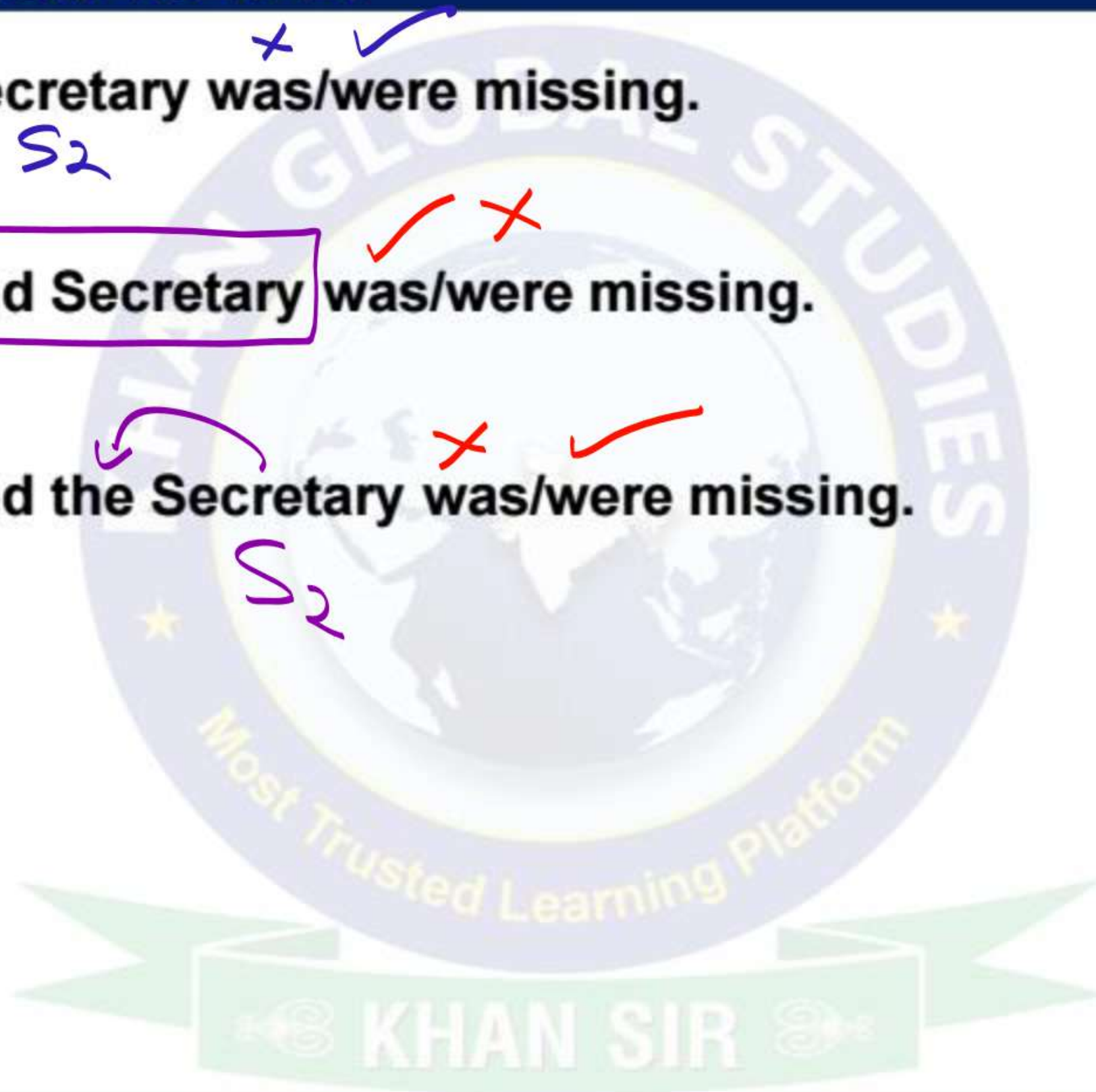
S₂

2. The Principal and Secretary was/were missing.

3. The Principal and the Secretary was/were missing.

S₁

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1. Poet and Philosopher has/have been awarded.

2. A poet and Philosopher has/have been awarded.

3. A poet and a Philosopher has/have been awarded.

b.A.R

Subject Verb Agreement

Practice

(a) Either my colleague/ (b) or a peon are coming home/ (c) with the material today./ (d) No error

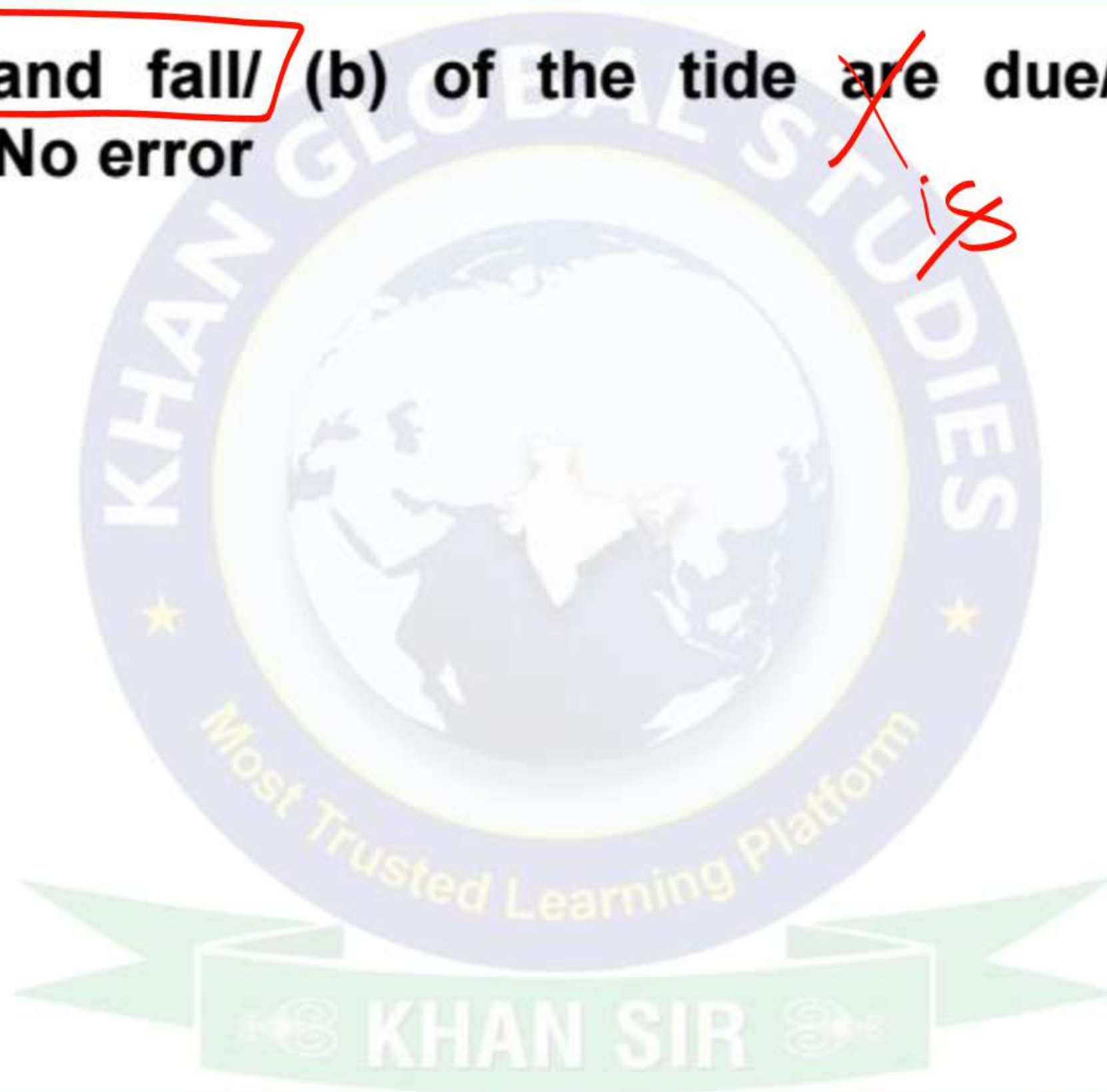
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is



(a) The rise and fall/ (b) of the tide ~~are~~ due/ (c) to lunar
influence./ (d) No error



(a) Many a man/ (b) ~~have~~ succumbed/ (c) to this temptation ./
(d) No error

