

SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT PRACTICE

Teenage Dream

One of today's most popular and well-known pop (1) stars are Katy Perry. It is surprising, then, that she was not allowed to listen to pop music growing up. Born in 1984 as Katheryn Hudson, Katy grew up in her pastor parents' church, often performing gospel music. The support of (2) her parents were a contributing factor in the release of her first album, which focused on gospel music. The album was not very successful, though. Craving a larger stage for her vocal and songwriting talents, she changed her name to Katy Perry and moved to Los Angeles, ready to break onto the pop music scene.

Although a few record labels (3) were interested in the singer, at first Katy's search for stardom was slow. Katy finally hit it big with her first pop studio album released in 2008; the album launched three number-one hits for Perry. A string of hits continued, and in 2010 she set a huge record. Her third album, *Teenage Dream*, had five consecutive number-one singles, a streak of hits that (4) was last accomplished by Michael Jackson. Perry became the first female artist to set this record. She was also the only musician to spend over a year straight in Billboard's Top Ten.

Katy Perry's controversial lyrics, outlandish costumes, and (5) funky hair continues to keep people's attention. In addition to her prolific music career, she has launched two fragrances, lent her voice to the *Smurfs* movie, and even released her own theatrical documentary, *Katy Perry: Part of Me*.

1. A. NO CHANGE
B. stars is Katy Perry.
C. stars were Katy Perry.
D. stars do include Katy Perry.
2. F. NO CHANGE
G. her parents are
H. her parents was
J. her parents have been
3. A. NO CHANGE
B. was interested
C. is interested
D. were interesting
4. F. NO CHANGE
G. are last accomplished by Michael Jackson.
H. Michael Jackson was last accomplished by.
J. were last accomplished by Michael Jackson.
5. A. NO CHANGE
B. funky hair continue
C. funky hair is continuing
D. funky hair are continued