

3-2 主詞與動詞單複數的配合

主詞的形式有前述的七大類(名詞、代名詞、動名詞、不定詞、名詞子句、名詞片語、**the + 形容詞**)，除了名詞和代名詞會依名詞本身的單複數有所改變之外，其餘動名詞、不定詞、名詞子句、名詞片語，一律視為單數，另**the + 形容詞**則依其意或為單數或為複數。但是主詞後常因下列各情形影響其單複數的變化。

一、**S + 助動詞 + V 原**：Unverified news should not be released yet.

(未經證實的消息不應該被刊載出來。)

二、**S + 連接詞 + S + V 複**：(Both) the consultant and his client are having a lunch special.

(那位顧問和他的客戶正在吃商業特餐。)

三、**A or B / either A or B / neither A nor B / not only A but also B**：連接主詞時，動詞以最近的主詞為主。

例 1：Is Mr. Wettimuny or his staff members going to attend the trade convention?

(到底是 Wettimuny 先生還是他的職員要參加這場貿易會議?)

例 2：Either you or I am taking over this task when Ms. Goodwin is on annual leave.

(當 Goodwin 小姐請年假時，不是你就是我會接管這份職務。)

例 3：Neither the personnel manager nor his assistant likes any of the interviewees.

(那位人事經理和他的助理都不喜歡那些來面試的人。)

例 4：Not only the branches but also the head office has to downsize its staff.

(不只是分公司連總公司都要縮編人員。)

- 四、**S + 副詞**： Mr. Lee always works with productivity.
 (李先生工作總是十分有成效。)
- 五、**S + 形容詞子句**： The laser printer which we purchased yesterday broke down today.
 (我們昨天買的雷射印表機今天就壞掉了。)
- 六、**S + 介系詞**： The supervisor as well as the employees is in the convention room.
 (那位主管和員工們都在會議室裡。)
- 七、**S + Ving**： A company offering incentives to its employees is more likely to succeed.
 (有提供員工獎勵制度的公司比較容易成功。)
- 八、**S + Vpp**： The office furnished with new fittings is to be used as a visual conferencing room.
 (那間裝有新設備的辦公室是用來當作視訊會議室。)
- 九、**S + to + V原**： The aim to reach the seasonal quota is challenging for new salesclerks.
 (要達到當季的業務金額的目標對新進業務人員是件具挑戰性的差事。)
- 十、**S + , 同位語**： Ms. Bush, our new CEO, is paying a visit to all the branch offices.
 (峻恂熒s總裁布希小姐，正四處拜訪所有的分公司。)
- 十一、**倒裝句**： There is / are + S
 例 1： There are many potential candidates for the vacant position.
 (有很多有潛力的人來應徵這份職缺。)

例 2 : There is a large amount of work to be done.

(有好多工作等著做。)

十二、**強調句型** : It is ... that + (S) + V + (O) + (Adv.)

例 : It is you who will be in charge of the negotiations.

(你就是那個將負責協商的人。)

十三、**all / some / most of + the + 名詞** (動詞依所代替的名詞之可數與否而決定其單複數)

例 1 : All of the money in the safe was stolen last night.

(保險箱中所有的錢昨晚都被偷了。)

例 2 : Most of the workers are from the neighborhood.

(多數的工人來自附近的地區。)