The following pronouns may be plural or singular, depending on the singularity or plurality of the noun they refer to...

SOME   (SOME of the **food** WAS eaten)

     Food is singular so "some" is singular

           (SOME of the **apples** WERE eaten)

     Apples is plural so "some" is plural

ALL   (ALL of the **furniture** LOOKS comfortable)

     Furniture is singular so "all" is singular

           (ALL of the **chairs** LOOK comfortable)

     Chairs is plural so "all" is plural

MOST   (MOST of his **humor** SEEMS dumb)
             (MOST of his **jokes** SEEM dumb)

WAS ANY / WERE ANY

             (WAS ANY of the **jewelry** stolen?)
             (WERE ANY of the **jewels** stolen?)

NONE

             (NONE of this **work** IS hard)
             (NONE of their **jobs** ARE hard)

Practice - number your paper 1-5. For each sentence, write ONLY the correct answer.

1) Many of us actually (likes, like) long books.

2) Some of the children (seems, seem) shy.

3) Somebody in the audience (was, were) snoring.

4) Nobody in my family (is, are) able to remember telephone numbers and addresses.

5) (Does, do) either of the students need money to buy decorations?