

The word cloud features the following terms:

- English
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- that
- member
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- research
- author's
- dull
- set
- utilize
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- Robert
- manuscripts
- submission
- good
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- wrote
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“**Majority**” can be either singular or plural. Common sense works pretty well in deciding which.

If you want to describe a collection of individuals, then the word should be treated as plural: “The **majority** of e-mail users **are** upset about the increase in spam.”

If you want to describe a collective group, then consider it singular: “A 90% **majority is** opposed to scheduling the next meeting at 6:00 A.M.”

If you are uncertain which you mean, then choose whatever form sounds best to you; fortunately, or unfortunately, many people do not understand the difference!

“Majority” should be used only with countable nouns: “*he ate the majority of the biscuits,*” but not “*he ate the majority of the cake.*” Instead say, “*he ate most of the cake.*”



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- The vast **majority** of British agriculture is devoted to producing meat
- The **majority** of prior work **has** focused on a linear combination
- At 20°C, the **majority** of vapour evolved **is** in the C14–C16 hydrocarbon range... (...*most of the vapour evolved is...*)
- The genes harbouring the **majority** of mutations **are** now known...
- ...the **majority** of black holes **have** orbital periods shorter than...
- The **majority** of these SNPs **were** in introns of cortex...
- The **majority** of the main dipoles **are** associated to fire traces.
- The **majority** of indels **are** duplications/deletions..
- The vast **majority** of unique genes **are** microbial...
- The **majority** of these studies **were** conducted in...
- The **majority** of C. difficile infections **are** nosocomial.