

TRICKY PLURAL

Let us see the following sentences and their meanings:

1. The boys have a shirt.

a) **All the boys have one shirt each. (as many shirts as there are boys)**

b) There is only one shirt for all the boys. (one shirt and many boys)

2. The boys have shirts.

a) **All the boys have several shirts each. (more shirts than boys)**

b) All the boys have one shirt each. (as many shirts as there are boys)

Although both meanings are possible, **meanings marked with green are more likely**, this is what we think of automatically!