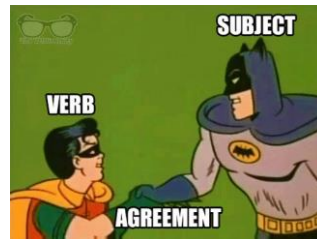




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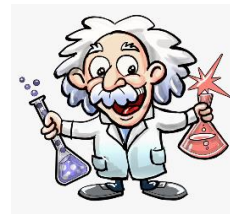
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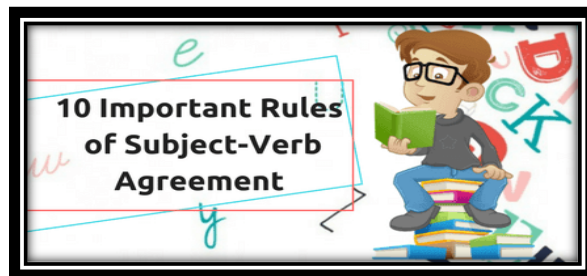
What is Subject-Verb Agreement?

The subject-verb agreement simply means the subject and verb must agree in number.

For example: A scientist discovers new facts.



Scientists discover new facts.



1. The subject and verb must agree in number: both must be singular, or both must be plural.



**Singular subjects take singular verbs; plural subjects take plural verbs.**

✓ **The puppy plays with the bone.**  
singular subject + singular verb

✓ **The puppies play with the bone.**  
plural subject + plural verb



2. The number of the subject (singular or plural) is not changed by words (or a phrase) that come in between the subject and the verb.

- ✓ One of my friends is sick.
- ✓ One of the boxes is open.



3. Some subjects always take a singular verb even though the meaning may seem plural.

- ✓ Someone in the game was (not were) hurt.

**These subjects always take singular verbs:**

Each, either, neither, one, no one, everyone, someone, anyone, nobody, somebody, anybody, everybody

4. The following words may be singular or plural, depending upon their use in a sentence: some, any, all, most.

- ✓ Most of the news is good.
- ✓ Most of the flowers were red.



5. Subjects joined by “and” are plural. Subjects joined by “or” or “nor” take a verb that agrees with the last subject.

- ✓ Bob and George are leaving.
- ✓ Neither Hari nor Ravi was present.

**When two subjects are joined by ‘as well as’, the verb agrees with the first subject.**

6. “There” and “here” are never subjects. In sentences that begin with these words, the subject

is usually found later on in the sentence.

- ✓ Here comes the trained elephant.



- ✓ There are five books on the table.

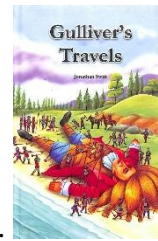
7. Collective nouns may be singular or plural, depending on their use in the sentence.

- ✓ The committee was formed in 2012.
- ✓ The committee are having sandwiches for lunch.



8. Some nouns, while plural in form, are actually singular in meaning.

- ✓ Physics is (not are) taught by Prof. Snape.



- ✓ The Gulliver Travels is a very interesting book.

9. Expressions of time, money, measurement, and weight are usually singular when the amount is considered one unit.



- ✓ Ten dollars is a high price to pay.
- ✓ Five years is the maximum sentence for that offence.

10. 'Doesn't' is a contraction of "does not" and should be used only with a singular subject.  
'Don't' is a contraction of "do not" and should be used only with a plural subject.

- ✓ He doesn't (not don't) know how to sail.



- ✓ They don't (not doesn't) like it.



Let's do some  
exercise!



### **EXERCISE:1**

**Choose the correct form of the verb that agrees with the subject.**

1. Everyone in his family **respects** him.
2. Neither Ravi nor his friends **deserve** the prize.
3. Both of these houses **are** spacious and well-built.
4. There **are** dark clouds in the sky.
5. The farmer as well as his sons **was** sincere and hardworking.
6. There **are** several mistakes in your essay.
7. Rice and curry **is** his favourite dish.
8. Javed, and not his friends, **is** to blame. (is/are)
9. Neither the captain nor his men **are** afraid of fighting.
10. One of the passengers **was** a qualified doctor.

### **EXERCISE: 2**

Fill in the blanks with appropriate **verbs** from the brackets.

1. Two thousand rupees **is** a good sum. (is/are)
2. The king and the poet **are** here. (is/are)
3. The jury **was** of one mind. (was/were)
4. A pair of shoes **is** lying under the table. (is/are)
5. Shashi and Indu **are** sisters. (is/are)
6. Neither he nor his friend **is** guilty. (is/are)
7. Great Expectation, **is** an interesting story. (is/are)
8. Every one of the girls **likes** her dress. (like/likes)
9. His parents as well as he **are** illiterate. (is/are)
10. Two and two **make** four. (make/makes)

### **EXERCISE: 3**

Correct the following sentence.

1. There is eleven players in a cricket team.

Ans: There are eleven players in a cricket team.

2. The producer and director of this movie are an eminent social worker.

Ans: The producer and director of this movie is an eminent social worker.

3. All the players, with the captain, are present in the ground.

Ans: All the players, with the captain, are present in the ground.

4. Everyone know the secret now.

Ans: Everyone knows the secret now.

5. Both of the guests have arrived.

Ans: Both of the guests have arrived.

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