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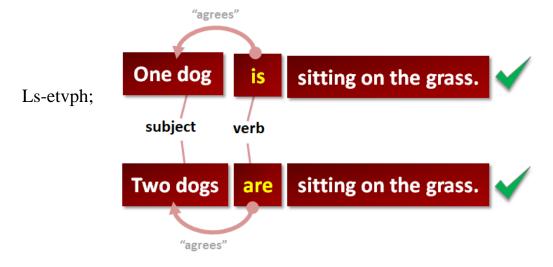
Subject Verb Agreement



What is Subject Verb Agreement?

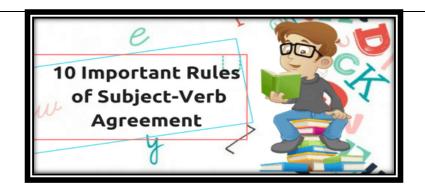
Subject verb agreement simply means the subject and verb must agree in number.

Matching the verb with the subject...



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- 1. The subject and verb must agree in number: both must be singular, or both must be plural.
 - ✓ The car *belongs* to my brother.
 - ✓ Cars <u>are</u> too expensive.



- 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.
 - \checkmark 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 \underline{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 <u>were</u> 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 <u>are</u> 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 <u>are</u> 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 <u>are</u> having sandwiches for lunch.



- 8. Some nouns, while plural in form, are actually singular in meaning.
 - ✓ Physics <u>is</u> (not are) taught by Prof. Snape.
 - ✓ The Gulliver Travels <u>is</u> a very interesting book.



- 9. Expressions of time, money, measurement, and weight are usually singular when the amount is considered one unit.
 - \checkmark Ten dollars <u>is</u> 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 <u>doesn't</u> (not don't) know how to sail.
 - ✓ They <u>don't</u> (not doesn't) like it.





EXERCISE:1

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

- 1. Annie and her brothers (is, are) at school.
- 2. Either my mother or my father (**is**, are) coming to the meeting.
- 3. The dog as well as the cats (**is**, are) outside.
- 4. Either my shoes or your coat (**is**, are) always on the floor.
- 5. George and Tamara (doesn't, **don't**) want to see that movie.
- 6. Benito (doesn't, don't) know the answer.
- 7. One of my sisters (is, are) going on a trip to France.
- 8. The man with all the birds (live, <u>lives</u>) on my street.
- 9. The movie, including all the previews, (take, <u>takes</u>) about two hours to watch.
- 10. The players, as well as the captain, (want, wants) to win.

EXERCISE: 2

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

- 1. Each of these minerals found in India. (**is**/are)
- 2. Either you or he mistaken. (<u>is</u>/are)
- 3. Neither food nor watergiven to the captives. (was/were)
- 4. Justice as well as mercy it. (allow/<u>allows</u>)
- 5. Every Saturday evening, my children (jumps / jump) all over me to welcome me.
- 6. My little brother (<u>imitates</u> / imitate) Casillas, the star goalkeeper of Spain.

- 7. These boys always..... (does /**do**) their homework.
- 8. One of the teachers (plant/plants) a garden in the courtyard.
- 9. Ms. Jackson and her sons (<u>run</u>/runs) an arcade in the mall.
- 10. Everyone at the restaurant (eat/eats) the crispy wings.
- 11. Someone in the group (wish/wishes) that they could have a pony.

EXERCISE: 3

Choose the correct sentence from the following.

- 1. Everyone are here.
- 2. Neither the pen nor the pencil are lost.
- 3. Someone don't understand. X
- 4. Those has been cheaper in the past. X
- 5. Randy and Juan like sports.
- 6. These are really special.
- 7. You rides with me. X
- 8. All children goes to school. 🗶
- 9. Tony likes Mary.
- 10. That movie was awesome.