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Subject-Verb Agreement



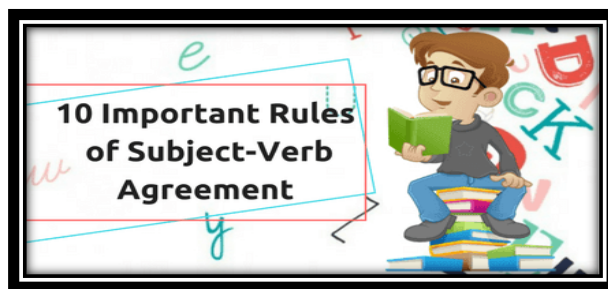
What is subject-verb agreement?

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.



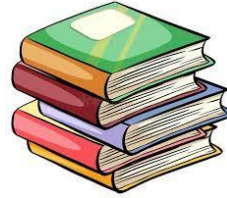
5. Subjects joined by “and” are plural. Subjects joined by “or” or “Nor” take a verb that agrees with the last subject.

- ✓ 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.

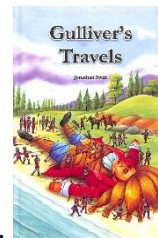
✓ The committee was formed in 2012.

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

EXERCISE: 2

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

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

EXERCISE: 3

Correct the following sentence.

1. There is eleven players in a cricket team.
2. The producer and director of this movie are an eminent social worker.
3. All the players, with the captain, are present in the ground.
4. Everyone know the secret now.
5. Both of the guests have arrived.



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