

Subject-Verb Agreement

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Singular Subject: A student from our class **is** in the talent show.

Plural Subject: Ms. Jeffries and Mr. Thomas often **attend** the meetings.

Compound Subject: The committee members **hope** lots of students will participate.

Underline the subject of each sentence. Then choose the verb in the parentheses () that agrees with the subject and write it on the line.

1. The list of story-starters _____ on the board.
(is, are)
2. Dean and Maisha _____ co-chairs of the advisory board.
(is, are)
3. The members of the board _____ to meet again next week.
(has agreed, have agreed)
4. Mark and I _____ excited to meet our favorite ice hockey player.
(was, were)
5. One of the shirts _____ a large, and two are mediums.
(is, are)
6. I _____ to the observatory tomorrow night.
(am going, is going)
7. We _____ why you are frustrated about the results.
(understands, understand)
8. Rita and Drew _____ to write a letter to the editor about the issue.
(intends, intend)

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Singular Subject: The list of suggested books **is** online.

Plural Subject: Hardbacks and paperbacks of all genres **are** available in our library.

Compound Subject: Louise and May **take** out books often.

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1. Mary and Celine _____ the strongest players on our team.
(is, are)
2. The teammates _____ in favor of Saturday practice.
(has voted, have voted)
3. The schedule of after-school clubs _____ yesterday.
(was announced, were announced)
4. Before a Spanish test, Melissa and I usually _____ each other on vocabulary.
(quizzes, quiz)
5. Two of the students _____ to sing a solo.
(is going, are going)
6. The administrators _____ every Thursday afternoon.
(meets, meet)
7. The lesson topics for the next two weeks _____ online.
(has been posted, have been posted)

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Singular Subject: Marty **goes** to the store.

Plural Subject: We **are** thrilled to be invited to the championship game.

Compound Subject: You and I **have** lunch at noon.

Complete each sentence. Circle the verb in the parentheses () that agrees with the subject of the sentence and write it on the line.

1. All players _____ to be on the field at 11 a.m. (is, are)
2. Nyla, who is my neighbor, and I _____ known each other since we were in the first grade. (has, have)
3. An elephant _____ a very intelligent animal. (is, are)
4. Mabel, who's on the school paper, and I _____ interviewed the custodian. (has, have)
5. I _____ to visit my grandfather on Tuesday. (want, wants)
6. Maura, Kelly, and Rahim _____ running for class president. (is, are)
7. We _____ understand your perspective, but we disagree. (does, do)
8. Shayla and I _____ excited to meet our favorite author. (was, were)

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Singular Subject: Molly **takes** the city bus home.

Plural Subject: Edgar and Bob **take** it, too.

Compound Subject: They **will walk** next week.

Circle the verb in the parentheses () that agrees with the subject of the sentence. Then write it on the line.

1. They _____ ready when you are. (is, are)
2. You _____ the stopwatch. (has, have)
3. Lisette and I _____ volunteering at the animal shelter. (am, are)
4. A puppy rarely _____ still for more than five minutes. (sit, sits)
5. You still _____ not realize the depth of the problem. (does, do)
6. Alia _____ bringing beverages to the picnic. (am, is)
7. Rocco and Mia _____ almost home when it began to rain. (was, were)
8. It _____ time to write a clever story. (take, takes)
9. A tutor _____ a student with homework. (help, helps)
10. I like to _____ out for lunch. (go, goes)

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Singular Subject: Alejandro **rehearses** for the play every Monday and Thursday.

Plural Subject: Kyle and Misha **are** in charge of costumes.

Compound Subject: Nicky, who is my best friend, and I **are** in the band.

Complete each sentence. Choose the verb in the parentheses () that agrees with the subject of the sentence and write it on the line.

1. The clarinet players in the band _____ together on Saturday.
(practices, practice)
2. The president _____ that he will address the nation.
(says, say)
3. The director of the event _____ a round of applause.
(deserves, deserve)
4. Three of the fish _____ striped and one is solid orange.
(is, are)
5. The fans who watched the game _____ that it was very disappointing.
(agrees, agree)
6. All the neighbors who donated _____ warm clothing.
(has brought, have brought)
7. Everybody _____ in a different way.
(contribute, contributes)

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Singular Subject: The list of reference books **is** in your folder.

Plural Subject: Victor and Luis **want** to go to the playoff game.

Compound Subject: Physicians **agree** that learning new things is good for your brain.

Rewrite each sentence with correct subject-verb agreement.

1. The historians speaks at the museum today.

2. The field hockey players practices in the upper field.

3. The citizens of Springfield has a new mayor.

4. Margie and Kevin is at the train station.

5. The best bands in the city marches in the parade.

6. The chickens was running through the yard.

7. My sister decide what to watch.
