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 **Instruction:** Subject Verb Agreement – Grammar Cheatsheet for Kids

What is Subject–Verb Agreement?

- Subject–Verb Agreement means that the verb must match the subject in number and person.
- If the subject is singular, the verb must be singular.
- If the subject is plural, the verb must be plural.

Rule	Condition	Example	Explanation
1	Singular subject → Singular verb	He plays football.	“He” is singular, so we use plays .
2	Plural subject → Plural verb	They play football.	“They” is plural, so we use play .
3	Two subjects joined by “and” → Plural verb	Riya and Sita are friends.	“Riya and Sita” are two people → plural.
4	Two singular subjects joined by “or/nor” → Singular verb	Ramesh or Suresh is absent today.	Verb agrees with the nearer subject.
5	Collective noun → Singular verb	The team is playing well.	“Team” is one group, so singular verb.
6	Uncountable noun → Singular verb	Water is essential for life.	Uncountable nouns take singular verbs.
7	Each, everyone, someone → Singular verb	Everyone likes ice cream.	Always use singular verb.
8	Plural form but singular meaning → Singular verb	Mathematics is my favorite subject.	Subject looks plural but acts singular.
9	Distances, time, money → Singular verb	Ten rupees is not enough.	Used as one unit → singular.
10	“Either...or” / “Neither...nor” → Verb agrees with nearest noun	Neither the boys nor the girl is here.	Verb agrees with “girl” (nearest subject).

Quick Tips for Students:

Ask: Is the subject one or more than one?

- → If one → Singular verb
- → If more → Plural verb

Remember:

- He/She/It → verb + s/es
- I/You/We/They → base form of verb

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Instruction: Draw a line under the subject and draw a box around the predicate for the following sentences.

1. The boy(run) to school every day.
2. My parents (live) in berlin.
3. Either the phone or the keys (be) in my bag.
4. All of the cake (be) gone.
5. She (study) English for the TOEFL.
6. Those shoes (look) expensive.
7. Some of the water(leak) out.
8. Neither the car nor the buses (work) today.
9. Everyone (need) a break.
10. The books on the shelf (belong) to me.
11. The girls (play) in the park after school.
12. My father (work) in a bank.
13. Riya and I (go) to the library every Sunday.
14. The cat (drink) a bowl of milk.
15. Our teacher (teach) us English grammar.

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Instruction: Underline and correct the verb that does not agree with the subject.

1. The list of items are on the table.

The list of items is on the table.

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2. Neither the teacher nor the students was prepared.

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3. There is many people at the event.

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4. The cat and the dog loves to sleep.

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5. Each of the boys have a backpack.

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6. Some of the cookies is gone.

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7. The team play well every week.

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8. Everybody know the rule.

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9. The box of chocolates were open.

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10. My shoes is under the bed.

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 **Instruction:** Underline the correct verb in each sentence.

1. The teacher (give / gives) homework every Monday.
2. My friends (enjoy / enjoys) soccer.
3. Each student (was / were) on time.
4. Neither John nor his brothers (has / have) arrived.
5. There (is / are) many problems in that area.
6. The cake with cherries (taste / tastes) great.
7. One of my best friends (live / lives) in Canada.
8. The dogs (barks / bark) at strangers.
9. Some of the money (is / are) missing.
10. Everyone (know / knows) the answer.
11. The children (was / were) excited about the school trip.
12. Neither my sister nor my parents (like / likes) spicy food.
13. A bouquet of roses (look / looks) beautiful on the table.
14. The news (is / are) spreading fast.
15. Ten kilometers (is / are) a long distance to walk.

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Instruction: Choose the correct verb that agrees with the subject. Encircle your answer.

- 1.The ice cream vendor (ring, rings) his bell to attract children.
- 2.Street food stalls (serve, serves) delicious snacks at night.
- 3.A small shop (sells, sell) soft drinks and noodles.
- 4.The line for food (gets, get) longer in the evening.
- 5.Everyone (enjoys, enjoy) eating bread in the morning.
- 6.The group of customers (waits, wait) in line for fresh food.
- 7.The vendors at the market (call, calls) out to customers.
- 8.Some of the shop owners (restock, restocks) their shelves every morning.
- 9.The aroma of grilled food (fills, fill) the street at night.
- 10.Nobody (likes, like) stale food.
- 11.The snack vendor (cooks, cook) fresh food every afternoon.
- 12.The vendors and customers (gather, gathers) at the market.
- 13.Somebody (buys, buy) food after work every day.
- 14.The crowd (cheers, cheer) when the ice cream cart arrives.
- 15.Few customers (complain, complains) about the price because it is low.
- 16.Neither the owner nor the vendors (want, wants) to raise prices.
- 17.Each customer (chooses, choose) their favorite snack.
- 18.The smell of freshly baked bread (drifts, drift) through the air.
- 19.The children playing near the stalls (run, runs) to buy snacks.
- 20.Many of the vendors (start, starts) selling early in the morning.

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 **Instruction:** Write True if the statement is correct and False if it is not correct.

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| • A singular subject always takes a plural verb. | ☐ | ☐ |
| • “He runs fast” is an example of correct subject–verb agreement. | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Plural subjects usually do not end with s. | ☐ | ☐ |
| • The word Everyone always takes a singular verb. | ☐ | ☐ |
| • “My friends plays football” is grammatically correct. | ☐ | ☐ |
| • Uncountable nouns take a singular verb. | ☐ | ☐ |
| • “Mathematics are my favorite subject” is correct. | ☐ | ☐ |
| • In the sentence “The boys are shouting,” the verb agrees with a plural subject. | ☐ | ☐ |

 **Instruction:** Read each sentence carefully and choose the correct word.

- The teacher _____ the lesson very clearly.
(a) explain (b) explains (c) explaining (d) explained
- Neither the boys nor the girl _____ ready for the trip.
(a) is (b) are (c) were (d) be
- A pack of wolves _____ chasing the deer.
(a) is (b) are (c) were (d) have
- Each student _____ their homework on time.
(a) submit (b) submits (c) submitting (d) submitted