Grade 6 - English

Grammar Subject - Verb agreement

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Subject-Verb Agreement (SVA)

Subject and verb agreement refers to how the words in your sentence match. REMEMBER: your subject and verb must agree in number. Singular subjects take singular verbs; plural subjects take plural verbs.



The puppies play with the bone.



RULES FOR

SUBJECT – VERB AGREEMENT

1. A verb agrees with its subject in number.

Examples:

- a. Rene and Morgan are friends.
- b. The *children* wake up early every morning.
- 2. A compound subject that refers to one person or thing should take a singular verb.

Examples:

- The <u>secretary</u> and <u>treasurer is</u> Miss Irene Gonzalez.
- b. The chairman of the board and president is Mrs. Prado.
- c. Bow and arrow is his only weapon.
- 3. Compound subjects combined by *or*, *either...or*, *neither ... nor*, should take verbs that agree in the number with the subject nearer the verb.

Examples:

- Either the men or David is to lead.
- b. Neither Jocelyn nor the girls are to look down.

The subject and verb in a sentence should match with each other in number. A singular subject will have a singular verb, and a plural subject will have a plural verb.

Examples: Kevin walks to school. Kevin and Tom walk to school.

Compound subjects can be used as singular or plural, but remember different rules apply for different compound subjects.

Examples: Ava and Ana are going abroad. Ava or Ana is going abroad.

Collective nouns can be followed by singular or plural verbs, but conditions apply.

Examples: The army protects the nation.

The couple are moving to a new house.

Indefinite pronouns like everyone, each, someone and no one are always singular.

Example: Everyone in the class is a champion.

Indefinite pronouns like both, many, few, and several are always plural.

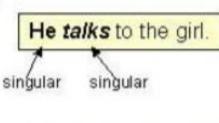
Example: Both are in love with music.

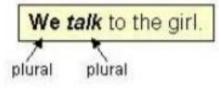
Indefinite pronouns like all, most and some can be both singular or plural, depending on their usage.

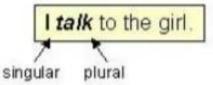
Examples: Most of the exam was easy. (talking about one exam)

Most of the exams were easy. (talking about all exams)

Examples







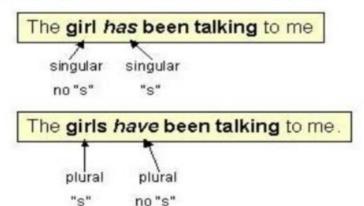
John, you talk to the girl.

Examples

Single helping verb:



First helping verb in pair of helping verbs:



Thank you..!