

English

Punctuation and Grammar

Subject-Verb Agreement

Every sentence must have a **subject (the thing/person that the sentence is about)** and a **verb (a word to show an action/way of being)**. It is important that our subject and our verb agree (match) - this is usually to do with whether our subject is singular (one) or plural (two or more).

A quick rule to remember is that **if the subject (person or thing the sentence is about) is singular (it's just ONE person or thing) then we often add an 's' to the end of the verb**, if it's a regular verb.

Singular (Juliet is ONE person)

We add an 's' to the verb (cook)

Juliet cooks in the kitchen.

Romeo and Juliet cook in the kitchen.

Plural (TWO+ people)

Leave the verb as it is.

However, some verbs are more tricky than others. A common verb is 'is/are/were/will' which changes based on tense (when it's taking place) and to agree with the subject.

Hints for writing 'is':

Present tense + singular subject (one person/thing) = is Jane is at the beach.

Present tense + plural subject (more than one) = are Jane and Tim are at the beach.

Past tense + singular subject = was Jane was at the beach.

Past tense + plural subject = were Jane and Tim were at the beach.

Your task:

Write the following sentences into your book, making sure the subject and verb agree by choosing the correct verb from the box.

E.g. Peter and Tony **play / plays** football energetically.

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1. The dogs in the backyard **growls / growl** when a stranger approaches.
2. Ms Perez and Mrs Fulham **writes / write** neatly on the board.
3. The charger for the mobile phones **beep / beeps** when the batteries are charged.
4. The racquets for the tennis match **is / are** in the locker.
5. Sarah, who has four brothers, **is / are** going to the movies tonight.
6. We **laugh / laughs** loudly at Ms Kavanagh's hilarious joke.
7. The class **line / lines** up quietly waiting for the teacher to arrive.
8. Anne Marie **was / were** bitten by a bat!
9. Mrs Davison **writes / write** neatly on the board.
10. My brother and I **buy / buys** lollies at the shop.