

PRACTICE 23.1 A Making Subjects and Verbs Agree

Read the sentences. Write the verb in parentheses that agrees with the subject. Then label the subject singular or plural.

EXAMPLE The mice (likes, like) cheese.

ANSWER like-Plural

1. The index (lists, list) items in alphabetical order.
2. The flag (ripples, ripple) in the wind.
3. Some birds (fly, flies) south in winter.
4. The businessmen (goes, go) to lunch at noon.
5. A box of crackers (sits, sit) on the shelf.
6. The people in our state (votes, vote) for governor next Tuesday.
7. The glow of streetlights and neon signs (makes, make) the nighttime skyline memorable.
8. The size of the pieces of the jigsaw puzzle (decreases, decrease) with the level of difficulty.
9. How many students (are, is) in your class?
10. The papers hidden in a secret drawer of her desk (is, are) missing.