

Subject-Verb Agreement: Present simple s, es & ies

The **subject** of a sentence tells who or what the sentence is about. When the subject is **singular**, it is only one person, place, or thing. When there is a singular subject, the verb ends with **s, es or ies**.

Add **s** to most regular verbs that have a single subject.

*The boat **sails** close to shore.* *The woman **waters** the flower.*

Add **es** to regular verbs that have a single subject and end in **sh, ch, s, x, o** and **z**.

*Gran **kisses** us good-bye.* *Jake **UNCHES** his cereal loudly.*

Add **ies** to regular verbs that end in (consonant + y).

*My kite **flies** high in the sky.* *He **carries** his son's schoolbag.*

When the subject is **plural**, it is more than one person, place, or thing. When the subject is plural, the verb does not end with **s, es or ies**

*The **kittens** sleep on the sofa.* *Zared and Nina **clean** the gate.*

Practice:

Read the paragraph below. Underline the subjects. Find the verbs that do not agree with their subjects. Add or delete **s, es or ies** from the verbs so they agree with their subjects. Use this symbol (^) to add a letter or letters. Cross out letters that don't belong.

Mr. Ruskin **wash** his historic car on Saturdays. Aaron and Ali **helps** him.

Mr. Ruskin **sprays** the old car with warm water. He **scrub** every inch of the car with a big sponge. The children **polishes** the windshield and the mirrors. They use clean, soft rags. Aaron **wax** the beautiful red car. It **shine** in the sunlight. He wishes to have a car just like his dad's one day. Mr. Ruskin **take** Aaron and Ali for a drive in the shiny car every Saturday afternoon. They buy ice-cream cones. Then, they **walks** in the park.

Rewrite the verb between brackets in the correct form of the present simple: (s, es, ies or inf.):

1. My team (practise) every morning.
2. Jack and Dan (work) in the same organization.
3. The wicked witch (change) children into a youth potion.
4. One of my brothers (use) my laptop without permission.
5. The mechanic sometimes (fix) very old cars.
6. The shoemaker (make) 2 pairs of shoes every day.
7. His ears (hurt) him.
8. This tooth often (hurt) me.
9. Our cousin (work) in a company.
10. The sun sometimes (go) behind clouds in winter.
11. That little baby (cry) when I look at his face.
12. One of my dogs (chase) my friend's cat.

Subject-Verb Agreement: am, is, are, was & were

Choose the correct answer:

1. Her family (was - were) upset because of the bad weather.
2. Someone (is - are) watching me.
3. My brother and I (am - are) in the same school.
4. I have many kinds of birds, some (is - are) big and some (is - are) small.
5. One of the best pets (is - are) the dog.
6. There (was - were) a lot of juice in the fridge.
7. One of my friends (is - are) an actor.

8. A group of flowers (is - are) called a "bunch".
9. There (is - are) a lot of cages in the zoo.
10. Here (is - are) an interesting story to read.
11. Studying animals (is - are) important as we share our planet with them.
12. There (is - are) a parrot and a nightingale on the tree.
13. Too much salt (is - are) dangerous for our body.
14. I heard something moving but there (was - were) nothing under my bed.
15. Everyone (was - were) sad when the car hit the dog.
16. Toby and Nancy (is - are) eight.
17. Here (is - are) the horses we are going to ride.