

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 munches* 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.