Subject and Verb Agreement

The subject and the verb must agree in number.

Rule 1

A singular subject is always followed by a singular verb (ends with s).

E.g The boy eats his breakfast.

The baby cries every day.

Choose the correct verb.

a) The pupil (write, writes) very neatly in his books. _____

b) The mechanic (repair, repairs) all types of cars and trucks. _____

c) The doctor (visit, visits) his patients daily. _____

d) The horse (is, are) racing tomorrow. _____

e) The ship (sail, sails) at four o' clock every morning. _____

f) The girl (was, were) invited to the party. _____

Rule 2

A plural subject (more than one) is followed by a plural verb (does not end with an s).

E.g The boys eat their breakfast.

The babies cry every day.

Choose the correct verb.

g) The girls (was, were) studying for their examination. _____

h) The tourists (is, are) pleased with the hotel. _____

i) The books (was, were) packed neatly on the shelf. _____

j) The students (relax, relaxes) in the park every evening. _____

k) The nurses (take, takes) good care of the patients. _____

l) The computers (work, works) better in an air-conditioned room. _____

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m) The spectators (enjoy, enjoys) the facilities of the new gymnasium. _____

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