

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. _____

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