Subjects and Verbs Must Agree

You already know that nouns, pronouns, and verbs can show number; that is, they can be singular or plural.

Subjects and verbs must agree in number.

If the subject is singular, the verb must be singular.

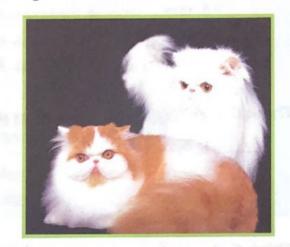
singular singular My cat purrs when I pet her.

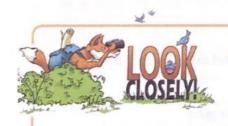
singular singular She is a Persian cat.

If the subject is plural, the verb must be plural.

plural plural
My cats purr when I pet them.

plural plural They are Persian cats.





 Verbs ending in -s are singular. Study the singular and plural forms of the following verbs.

Singular	Plural
(he) is	(they) are
(he) does	(they) do
(he) was	(they) were
(he) has	(they) have
(he) goes	(they) go

- The contractions isn't, doesn't, wasn't, and hasn't are singular.
- The contractions aren't, don't, weren't, and haven't are plural.
- The pronoun *I* usually takes the plural form of the verb; the pronoun *you* always takes the plural form of the verb.
- Compound subjects joined by and take a plural verb.

Language and geography are my favorite subjects.

Do They Agree?

s as singular (S) or plural (P).
6. us 11. theirs
7. I 12. it
8. mine 13. me
9. them 14. we
10. his15. him
ions as singular (S) or plural (P).
4. wasn't
5. doesn't
6. weren't
ke singular (S) or plural (P) verbs?
6. you
7. women
8. King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella
9. piano
10. George Washington

Practicing with Pronouns and Agreement

Think A Cross out the incorrect form.

- 1. I (do, does)
- 2. he (were, was)
- 3. you (weren't, wasn't)
- 4. she (is, are)
- 5. we (hasn't, haven't)

- 6. they (does, do)
- 7. it (was, were)
- 8. you (don't, doesn't)
- 9. I (has, have)
- 10. they (wasn't, weren't)



Think C For every verb below write a subjective case personal pronoun that would serve as a correct subject.

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