

Subject-Verb Agreement

The subject and the verb in a sentence must work together, or **agree**.

To make most present tense verbs agree with singular nouns or *he, she, or it*, add *-s*. If the subject is a plural noun or *I, you, we, or they*, the present tense verb does not end in *-s*.

Singular Subject The sun sets today.

Plural Subject The girls play outside.

Plural Subject A boy and a dog sit there.

A form of *be* in a sentence also must agree with the subject. Use *is* or *was* to agree with singular nouns. Use *are* or *were* to agree with plural nouns.

Singular Subject The moon is shining brightly. The moon is full.

Plural Subject Fireflies are lighting the sky. They were everywhere.

Choose the verb in () that agrees with the subject. Write the sentence.

1. Some animals (stay, stays) awake at night.
2. Bats (is, are) flying around the treetops.
3. Raccoons (are, is) prowling in the yard.
4. In the wild, a wolf (howl, howls).
5. An owl (hoot, hoots) in the forest.
6. Beavers (works, work) at night.
7. A moth and a firefly (is, are) fluttering in the dark.
8. The neighbors' cat (cry, cries) out at midnight.
9. A bullfrog (is, are) croaking at the pond.
10. Many animals (is, are) night creatures.