

Subject Verb Agreement

Rule 1: A singular subject takes a singular verb.

e.g. **She dances** gracefully.

Rule 2: A plural subject takes a plural verb.

e.g. **They dance** gracefully.

Exceptions to the Rules

The singular pronouns **you** and **I** are exceptions to the two rules for subject and verbs.

You is always used with a plural verb.

E.g. Anne, **you are** always very thoughtful.

Boys, **you work** very hard.

I usually takes a plural verb.

E.g. **I cook** Bahamian cuisine.

I have an I-Phone 10.

The only exceptions are the verbs **am** and **was**.

E.g. **I am** ready to do something fantastic.

I was so happy yesterday.

Select the correct verb to complete the sentences.

1. All birds **has** **have** special colors and songs.
2. Male blue jays **is** **are** a different colour from female blue jays.
3. An average condor **has** **have** a wingspan of over nine feet.
4. The trumpeter swan **is** **are** the largest of all water birds.
5. A duck's webbed feet **acts** **act** as paddles.
6. You **needs** **need** a weekend of relaxation with your own family and friends.
7. You **was** **were** very amusing at the party.
8. This year you **looks** **look** much taller.
9. I always **wears** **wear** bright colors.

10. I **has** **have** some homework.
11. The farm with six acres **sits** **sit** high on a hill.
12. The new students at our school **seems** **seem** friendly.
13. The girls' friendship throughout the years has have remained strong.
14. The two deer by the pond **is** **are** quite tame.
15. The boy with the two horses **is** **are** my cousin.
16. Where **was** **were** Ray at four o'clock?
17. At the bottom of the world's oceans **lies** **lie** many buried treasures.
18. **Does** **Do** Tim and his brother work after school at the local supermarket?
19. Here **is** **are** some apples from our tree.
20. **Was** **Were** there any mosquitoes in your tent after the rainstorm last night?