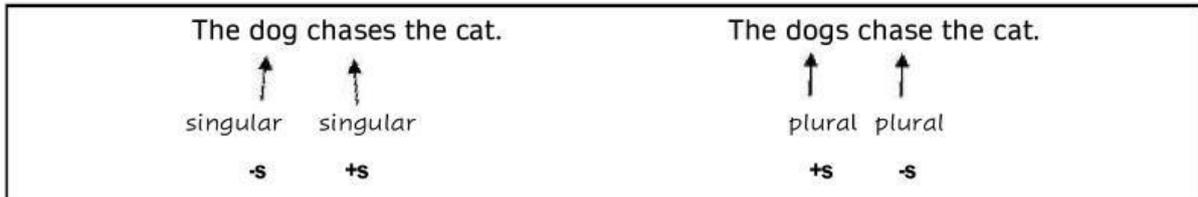


Subject-Verb Agreement

Subjects and verbs must AGREE with one another in number (singular or plural). Thus, if a subject is singular, its verb must also be singular; if a subject is plural, its verb must also be plural.

In present tenses, nouns and verbs form plurals in opposite ways:

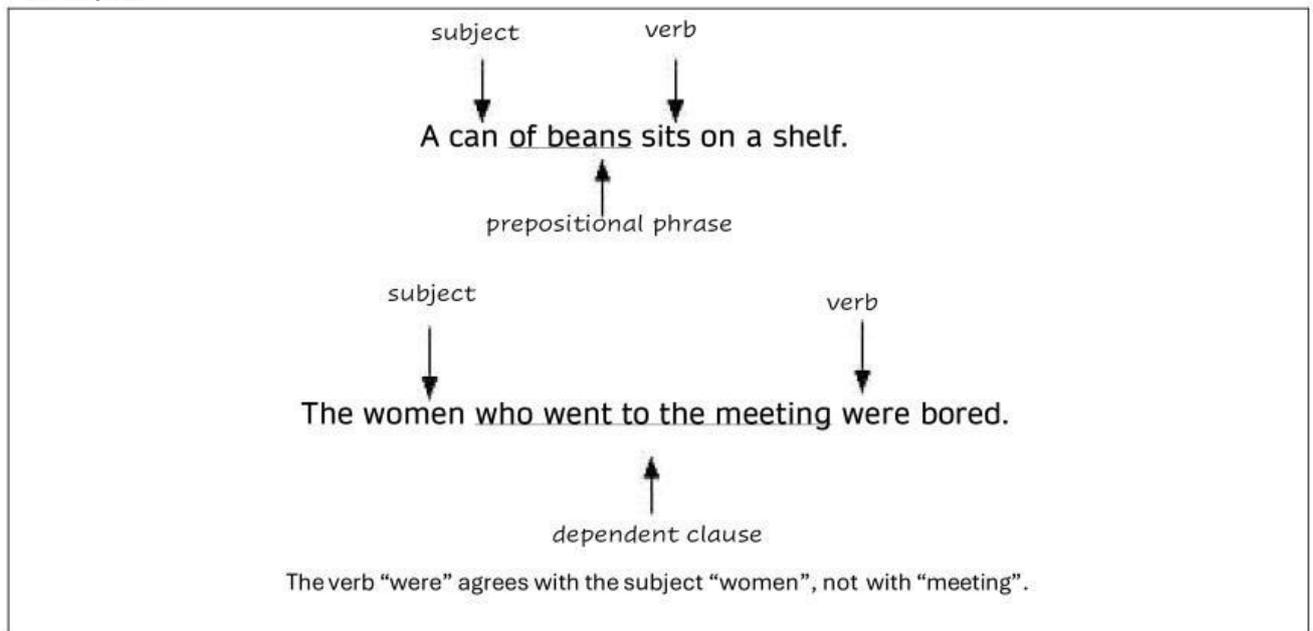
- Nouns: ADD an **s** to the singular form of the noun.
- Verbs: REMOVE an **s** from the singular form of the verb.



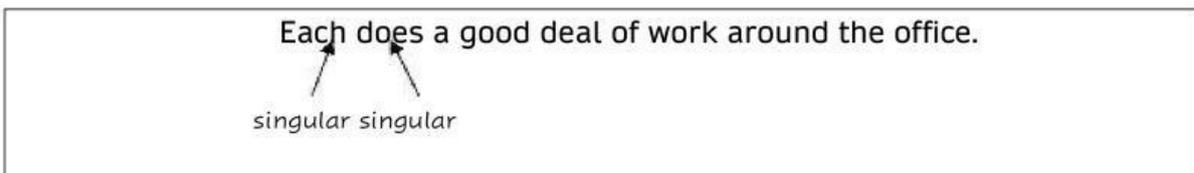
Here are five main subject-verb agreement rules:

1. A phrase or clause between subject and verb does not change the number of the subject.

Examples:



2. Indefinite pronouns as subjects: Singular indefinite pronoun subjects take singular verbs. (SINGULAR: each, either, neither, one, no one, nobody, nothing, anyone, anybody, anything, someone, somebody, something, everyone, everybody, everything)



Practice:

Choose the correct answer from a,b,c,or d:

1. My cousin _____ playing football.

- a. enjoy
- b. enjoys
- c. enjoying
- d. is enjoy

2. My new teacher _____ blond hair and blue eyes.

- a. is having
- b. have
- c. having
- d. has

3. My _____ usually gets up at 6 o'clock.

- a. uncles
- b. uncle
- c. uncle he
- d. uncle is

4. Mariam's best _____ often borrows her Walkman.

- a. friend
- b. friends
- c. friend she
- d. friend is

5. Both my brother and my sister _____ members in the local music club.

- a. is
- b. are
- c. was
- d. have

6. Their mother _____ in a private company.
- a. is a manager
 - b. she a manager
 - c. she is manager
 - d. is manager
7. Neither my brother nor my sisters _____ to stay at home in the summer holiday.
- a. like
 - b. likes
 - c. is like
 - d. are like
8. _____ a lot of errors in the student's essay.
- a. There is
 - b. They are
 - c. Their
 - d. There are
9. Some horses _____ many races.
- a. wins
 - b. win
 - c. winning
 - d. is winning
10. Your sister usually _____ swimming on the weekend.
- a. go
 - b. going
 - c. gone
 - d. goes

11. My _____ usually goes to school by taxi.

- a. sister she
- b. sisters
- c. sister
- d. sister is

12. My brother usually _____ to music when he is studying.

- a. listen
- b. listens
- c. listening
- d. is listen

13. In some countries, elections _____ place every four years.

- a. take
- b. takes
- c. taking
- d. are taking it

14. My brother is an accountant. _____ works in a school.

- a. He's
- b. His
- c. He
- d. He is

15. The translation of the books _____ not accurate enough.

- a. is
- b. are
- c. were
- d. has