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A noun can be in its singular or plural form. This is the number and a verb must agree with it. Therefore, a singular subject requires a singular verb and plural subjects require a plural verb. Most regular verbs add -s or -es to form the singular.

Examples



Singular: The bird sings.



Plural: The birds sing.

The only exceptions of this rule are with the pronoun I and you. Both take the plural form of a verb, even when you refer to more than two person.



I sing. You sing.

Except the **be**: I am singing.

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COLLECTIVE NOUNS

A **collective noun** names a group of persons, things or animals, example, litter, herd, gang, chest, etc.

When a collective noun refers to a group as a whole, it requires a singular verb. When a collective noun refers to a each member of a group, it requires a plural verb.

Example:



The choir sings beautifully.



The **peep** of chickens **stays** with the hen.

The **flock follow** their mother where ever she goes.

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VERBS - SUBJECT VERB AGREEMENT 1

Read the passage below. Type the correct verb in agreement to the subject in the spaces below. Use the words in brackets to help you fill in the correct verb.



This (is, are) the holidays. Everyday Milo (get, gets) up at six o'clock. He (has, have) a quick breakfast and then (go, goes) outside to play. Milo (is, are) learning to ride his bicycle. Today is no different. Milo (take, takes) out his bicycle and (ride, rides) it down the lane and into the street. He (has, have) a bit of difficulty riding his bicycle up the hill, but he (pedal, pedals) the bicycle furiously. The bicycle (take, takes) Milo up the hill. When he (reach, reaches) the top he (admire, admires) the houses and the trees below. Everything (look, looks) peaceful. He (spend, spends) an hour up there before he (turn, turns) the bicycle and (head, heads) back down. Going down the hill (is, are) always faster so he (has, have) to be very careful riding down the hill.

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Circle the correct verb form from the words in brackets.

- a. Ham and cheese ___ my favourite sandwich. (**is, are**)
- b. The litter of kittens ___ in its cage. (**stay, stays**)
- c. Three dollars ___ in my pocket. (**is, are**)
- d. "We ___ going the same way you are," said the boys to the old woman. (**is, are**)
- e. The litter ___ their mother around. (**follow, follows**)
- f. Digging ditches ___ hard work. (**is, are**)
- g. The litter of kittens ___ in its cage. (**stay, stays**)
- h. ___ she always check her workings when she is done. (**do, does**)
- i. ___ Kathy like pizza? (**Do, Does**)
- j. There ___ no students in the school today. (**is are**)
- k. There ___ two alligators in the swamp. (**was, were**)
- l. Lana, one of my good friends, ___ me often. (**visit, visits**)
- m. The cars ___ covered with dust. (**is, are**)
- n. I ___ going to the mall when it opens. (**is, am, are**)

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Circle the correct verb from the choice in brackets.

a. Fourteen by twenty three _____ the size of the room. (**is, are**)

b. The flock _____ in lakes and ponds. (**feed, feeds**)

c. Three dollars _____ in my pocket. (**is, are**)

d. Everything _____ better when camping outside. (**taste, tastes**)

e. Everybody _____ in the library. (**read, reads**)

f. Digging ditches _____ hard work. (**is, are**)

g. News _____ fast in this small village. (**travel, travels**)

h. Even fifty dollars _____ not buy what it did twenty years ago. (**do, does**)

i. Neither the hammer nor the nails _____ in the toolbox. (**was, were**)

j. Every boy and girl in school _____ purchased a ticket for the trip. (**has, have**)

k. Lana, one of my good friends, _____ me often. (**visit, visits**)

l. The scissors _____ broken. (**is, are**)
