



# Subject – Verb Agreement

## Learning Outcomes

- Students will understand the rules of subject-verb agreement in sentences.
- They will learn how to match singular and plural subjects with the correct verb form.



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Tick (✓) the correct verb given in the brackets.



Rachna (rides/ride) her bicycle.



Rachna and Sara (rides/ride) their bicycles.



Amit (is/are) here.



Amit and Sumit (is/are) here.

## Subject - Verb Agreement

In a sentence, a verb must agree with its subject. It is called **Subject-Verb** agreement.





## Grammar Byte

- ◉ A singular noun takes a singular verb with it; a plural noun takes a plural verb with it.
- ◉ A singular pronoun takes a singular verb with it; a plural pronoun takes a plural verb with it.
- ◉ With the pronoun **you**, we always use a plural verb.

### Some Examples of Subject-Verb Agreement

#### Singular

1. My pen is red.
2. The girl was happy.
3. An elephant has a short tail.
4. The dog barks.

#### Plural

- Your pens are blue.  
The girls were happy.  
Elephants have short tails.  
The dogs bark.

Some examples of subject - verb agreement when the subject is a pronoun.

#### 1. Subject

I  
We  
You  
You  
He/She/It  
They

#### Verb

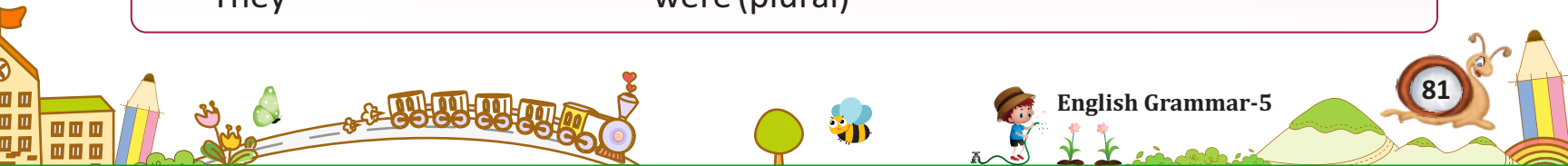
am (singular)  
are (plural)  
are (singular)  
are (plural)  
is (singular)  
are (plural)

#### 2. Subject

I  
We  
You  
You  
He/She/It  
They

#### Verb

was (singular)  
were (plural)  
were (singular)  
were (plural)  
was (singular)  
were (plural)





### 3. Subject

I  
We  
You  
He/She/It  
They

### Verb

have (singular)  
have (plural)  
have (plural)  
has (singular)  
have (plural)

### 4. Subject

I  
We  
You  
You  
He/She/It  
They

### Verb

do (singular)  
do (plural)  
do (singular)  
do (plural)  
does (singular)  
do (singular)

#### A. Fill in the blanks with **is**, **am** or **are**.

- The stars \_\_\_\_\_ twinkling in the sky.
- Ritu \_\_\_\_\_ very fond of music.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ doing our homework.
- The boys \_\_\_\_\_ swimming in the pool.
- The birds \_\_\_\_\_ flying in the sky.
- The house \_\_\_\_\_ big.
- Nikhil and I \_\_\_\_\_ brothers.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ a student.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ a good girl.
- Rohit \_\_\_\_\_ a clever boy.



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#### B. Fill in the blanks with **was** or **were**.

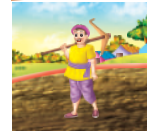
- Neha \_\_\_\_\_ feeding it.
- The horses \_\_\_\_\_ running at a great speed.
- The squirrel \_\_\_\_\_ climbing a tree.
- The farmers \_\_\_\_\_ working in the field.



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5. The soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ brave.
6. Mother \_\_\_\_\_ cooking dinner for us.
7. The farmers \_\_\_\_\_ tired.
8. The train \_\_\_\_\_ late yesterday.
9. Amrish \_\_\_\_\_ driving a car.
10. He \_\_\_\_\_ absent yesterday.



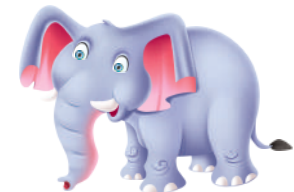
### C. Fill in the blanks with **has**, **have**.



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1. You \_\_\_\_\_ a nice apartment.
2. A triangle \_\_\_\_\_ three sides.
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ an exam tomorrow.
4. A car \_\_\_\_\_ four wheels.
5. Simran \_\_\_\_\_ many friends.
6. The birds \_\_\_\_\_ colourful wings.
7. An elephant \_\_\_\_\_ a short tail.
8. She \_\_\_\_\_ a new bag.
9. They \_\_\_\_\_ a big house.
10. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ a red umbrella.



### Points to Remember

- ⊙ In a sentence, a verb must agree with its subject. It is called **Subject-Verb Agreement**.
- ⊙ A **Singular Noun** takes a singular verb with it; a plural noun takes a plural verb with it.
- ⊙ A **Singular Pronoun** takes a singular verb with it; a plural pronoun takes a plural verb with it.
- ⊙ With the pronoun **you**, we always use a **Plural Verb**.





## My Activity Corner



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Tick (✓) the correct option.

- My uncle \_\_\_\_\_ a new car.  
(a) has ☐ (b) have ☐ (c) are ☐
- An aeroplane \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky.  
(a) fly ☐ (b) flies ☐ (c) flying ☐
- The Sun \_\_\_\_\_ in the east.  
(a) rise ☐ (b) rises ☐ (c) rising ☐
- My mother \_\_\_\_\_ food.  
(a) cook ☐ (b) cooks ☐ (c) cooking ☐



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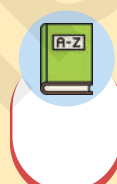
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