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Subject-Verb Agreement

Overview:

Subject-Verb Agreement is a foundational part of English grammar. It ensures that your subject and verb match in **number** (singular/plural). 💡 Mastering this helps you speak and write more clearly and correctly!

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What is Subject-Verb Agreement?

When constructing a sentence, the **subject** (who or what the sentence is about) must agree with the **verb** (action or state) in number.

✓ If the subject is **singular**, the verb must be **singular**.



✓ If the subject is **plural**, the verb must be **plural**.

✓ Examples:

- She **runs** every morning. 🏃
- They **run** every morning. 🏃🏃



Basic Rule: Singular vs. Plural

Subject Type	Verb Form Example
He/She/It (singular)	works every day. 
I/You/We/They (plural)	work every day. 

💡 Add **-s/-es** to the verb for **he/she/it** in the present tense.

17 The Verb “To Be”

Subject	Correct Form
I	am
He/She/It	is
You/We/They	are

✅ Examples:

- I **am** happy. 😊
- She **is** my teacher. 👩🏫
- They **are** students. 🎓🎓

Collective Nouns

Collective nouns refer to a **group** (e.g., team, family, committee) but may take **singular or plural** verbs depending on context.

✅ Examples:

- The **team wins** the match. ⚽ (seen as a unit)
- The **team are** arguing among themselves. 🗣️🗣️ (seen as individuals)

In **British English**, plural usage is more common with collective nouns.

Tricky Subjects: Indefinite Pronouns

Some indefinite pronouns are **always singular**, some **always plural**, and a few can be **both**!

Always Singular	Always Plural	Both (Depends)
everyone, someone, nothing, each, anybody	few, many, both, several	all, some, most, none

✓ Examples:

- **Everybody loves** a good story. 📖
- **Few have** passed the test. ✓
- **Some of the cake is** gone. 🍰
- **Some of the students are** absent. 🏫✗

🚫 Common Mistakes to Avoid

✗ They walks to school.

✓ They walk to school.

✗ Each student have a book.

✓ Each student has a book.

✗ The news are interesting.

✓ The news is interesting. (Uncountable noun)

🔍 Inverted Sentences & Questions

When sentences are inverted or start with “There is/are,” make sure the verb agrees with the real subject.

✓ Examples: There is a cat on the roof. 🐱

- There are two cats on the roof. 🐱🐱
- Where are the keys? 🔑
- Where is the key? 🔑

🔬 Titles, Measurements, and Amounts


When referring to **titles**, **time**, **money**, or **measurements** as a whole, use a **singular** verb.

✓ Examples:



- “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire” **is** my favorite book. 📖
- Five hours **is** a long time to wait. ⌚
- Ten dollars **is** not enough. 💵

Advanced Notes



✓ Subjects Joined by “And”

- Usually take a **plural** verb:
 - John **and** Mary **are** coming. 







✓ Singular Subjects with “or/nor”

- Use verb that agrees with the **nearest subject**:
 - Neither the teacher **nor** the students **are** ready. 
 - Either the students **or** the teacher **is** responsible. 





✓ Relative Clauses

- Match the verb to the noun **before "who/that/which"**:
 - She is one of the students **who are** winning awards. 
 - It is the **book** that **is** popular. 

Advanced Notes

Subject	Verb Type	Example
He / She / It	Singular	She likes books. 
I / You / We / They	Plural	They like books. 
Each / Everyone / Nobody	Singular	Everyone wants to join. 
Both / Many / Few	Plural	Few know the answer. 
Amounts / Titles	Singular	Five dollars is enough. 
Mixed (some, most, all)	Depends	Most of it is gone. 

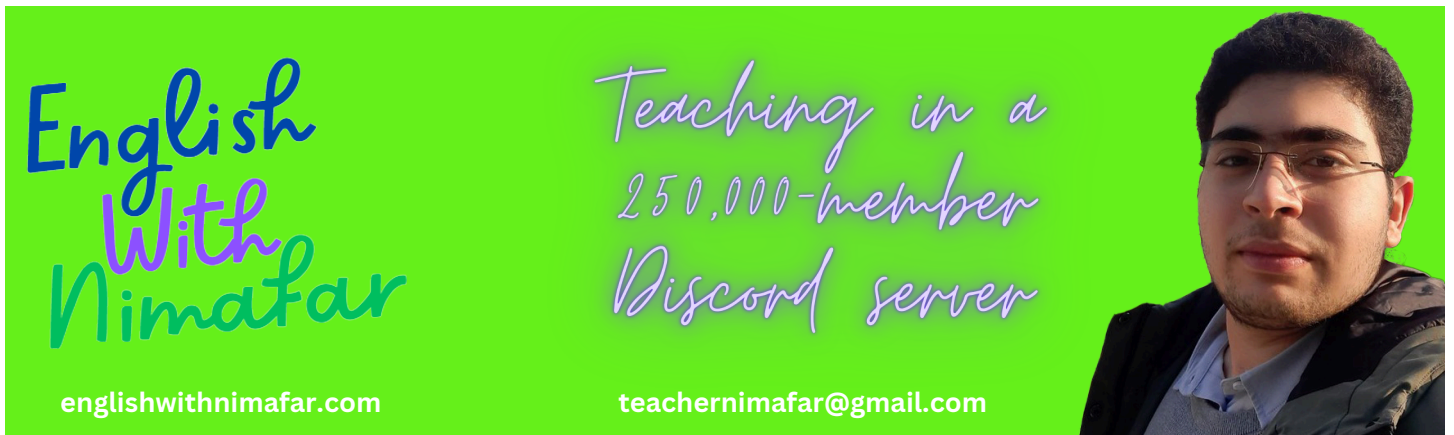
Examples

- She plays the piano every day. 
- They eat lunch at noon. 
- My brother works in a bank. 
- I go to the gym on Mondays. 

5. He doesn't like vegetables. 🥬
6. We watch TV in the evening. 📺
7. The cat sleeps on the sofa. 🐱
8. Do you play football? ⚽
9. It rains a lot in spring. 🌧️
10. Mary and John live in London. 🇬🇧
11. The baby cries at night. 😭
12. Does your sister speak French? 🇫🇷
13. The children study in the library. 📖
14. My dad drives to work every day. 🚗
15. She doesn't eat meat. 🥗
16. There is a spider on the wall. 🕸️
17. The students are ready for the test. 📝
18. Where are the books? 📚
19. Neither Tom nor Jerry is here. 🐭
20. Each of the boys has a ticket. 🎫
21. Someone is knocking at the door. 🚪
22. Nobody wants to leave early. 🕒
23. The news is very surprising. 📰
24. Ten dollars is enough for lunch. 💵
25. All of the water is gone. 💧
26. All of the cookies are gone. 🍪
27. A bunch of grapes is on the table. 🍇
28. The group agrees with the decision. 🤝
29. Either you or he is going to clean. 🧼
30. My friends and I are planning a trip. ✈️
31. The committee has reached a decision. 🏛️
32. Mathematics is my favorite subject. ➕
33. The number of students has increased. 📊
34. There are five apples in the basket. 🍏
35. A pair of jeans is on the bed. 👖
36. The police are investigating the case. 🚔
37. Most of the class was absent. 🏫
38. She is one of the people who make a difference. 🌍
39. The team are wearing their new uniforms. 👕
40. Neither the manager nor the employees know what happened. ❓

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