

SUBJECT AND VERB AGREEMENT

What Is Subject and Verb Agreement?

- Whether a word is **singular** or **plural** is called its **number**. In a sentence, the **subject** and the **verb** must **agree** in number.
Singular subject = **singular** verb
Plural subject = **plural** verb
- The **subject** of a sentence is **not** found in the prepositional phrase.
The **coach**, along with the soccer players, **is** celebrating. The subject of the sentence is **coach**, not soccer **players**, so the subject is **singular**.
- **Compound subjects** contain **more than one** noun or pronoun.
When compound subjects are joined by the word **and**, the verb will be **plural**. When compound subjects are joined by the words **or** or **nor**, the verb agrees with the **subject nearer** to the verb.
- Indefinite pronouns, like **everybody** and **many**, can be **singular** or **plural**.

Examples:

- The **apple** is rotten.
- My **sister** is a doctor.
- Many **flowers** are in bloom.
- **Math and science** are my favorite subjects.
- Either my **brother or sister** is coming to the game.
- The **several** students in my class enjoy their reading parties.

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Try This!

- 1] One of my classmates _____ moving.
a] have been
b] are
c] is
d] were
- 2] Tomatoes and lettuce, along with meat, are needed to make tacos.
a] true
b] false
- 3] Both of the hamsters are friendly.
a] true
b] false



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