

## SAMPLE LESSON FOR SUBJECT/VERB AGREEMENT

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#### Quick Explanation:

A singular subject demands a singular verb; a plural subject demands a plural verb. That is the simple principle behind subject-verb agreement. Remember that *singular verbs* usually end in *s*, but *plural verbs* usually do not.

#### Examples:

Singular	A teacher <b>helps</b> .	A student <b>asks</b> .	A magazine article <b>informs</b> .
Plural	Teachers <b>help</b> .	Students <b>ask</b> .	Magazine articles <b>inform</b> .

Guided Practice: Students will identify the subject as well as note whether the subject is singular or plural in each sentence. Remind students of the rule: *singular verbs* usually end in *s*, but *plural verbs* usually do not.

Dan trains grasshoppers to jump over hurdles.

The big oak tree in the front yard shades our front porch most of the day.

My mom worries about bed bugs and world peace.

Duffy jumps out of his skin when he hears the door to his room open at midnight.

#### Independent Practice:

My \_\_\_\_\_ decorate the house for every holiday. (mother, sisters)

My friends \_\_\_\_\_ that it's great. (thinks, realize)

My \_\_\_\_\_ strings of colorful lights around the window.  
(brother, brothers) (hang, hangs)

Now check your writing piece. Make sure singular subjects have singular verbs and plural subjects have plural verbs.

#### What If... Sentences with Compound Subjects

A compound subject has two or more simple subjects joined by a conjunction (and, or). Listed below are the two main rules for subject-verb agreement in sentences with compound subjects.

Rule 1: When a sentence has a compound subject connected by *and*, the *verb* should be plural.

Example:

Baseball *and* **tennis are** my favorite sports.

Rule 2: When a sentence has a compound subject connected by *or*, the verb should agree with the subject closest to it.

Example:

Josh *or* my **other friends** usually **shoot** hoops in the part.

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# **Subject/Verb Agreement**

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- You can check subject-verb agreement by making sure that your singular subjects have singular verbs and your plural subjects have plural verbs.
- Remember that singular verbs usually end in *s*, but plural verbs usually do not.

**Quick explanation.....**

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**Singular**

**A teacher helps.**

**A student asks.**

**A magazine article informs.**

**Plural**

**Teachers help.**

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**Let's explore.....**

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plural subject/plural verb

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singular subject/singular verb

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singular subject/singular verb

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singular subject/singular verb

# Let's Try It Out.....

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window.  
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# Your Turn.....

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Go back into **your** own  
writing and check that  
you have correct  
**subject/verb agreement!**

**Apply What You Just  
Learned....**

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