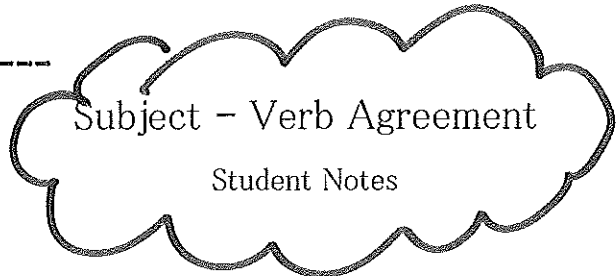


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RULE: SUBJECT AND VERB MUST "agree"

SINGULAR SUBJECT MUST PAIR WITH A SINGULAR VERB

PLURAL SUBJECT MUST PAIR WITH A PLURAL VERB

<p><u>Singular Subjects (typically do not end in "s")</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• dog• he• class• pencil• man	<p><u>Plural Subjects (typically end in "s")</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• dogs• classes• pencils• desks• months
<p><u>Singular Verbs (typically end in "s")</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• eats• runs• swings• listens• practices• tries <p><u>TRICK:</u> Place the verb in the phrase below to see if it fits. If it does, it is singular.</p> <p>He <u>tries</u></p> <p><u>KEY WORDS:</u> (Usually indicate a singular subject)</p> <p>either or each one</p> <p>anyone everybody nor neither</p>	<p><u>Plural Verbs (typically do NOT end in "s")</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• eat• run• swing• listen• practice• try <p><u>TRICK:</u> Place the verb in the phrase below to see if it fits. If it does, it is plural.</p> <p>They <u>try</u></p> <p><u>KEY WORDS:</u> (Usually indicates a plural subject)</p> <p>and</p>

SUBJECT / VERB AGREEMENT

NOTES

AGREE means.....singular subject needs a singular verb / plural subject needs a plural verb

Make the subject and verb agree when words are placed between them.
The subject number does not change when expressions are used at the beginning (ex: <i>accompanied by, along with, as well as, in addition to, including, no less than, not to mention, together with</i>).
Subjects joined by <i>and</i> are usually plural
Singular subjects joined by <i>or, either . . . or, neither . . . nor</i> take a singular verb.
If one subject is singular and one is plural, the verb agrees with the <u>nearer</u> subject.
The verb also agrees with the nearer subject in person.
Do not let inverted word order cause you to make a mistake in agreement.
When used as subjects, words like <i>each, either, one, everybody, and anyone</i> regularly take <u>singular</u> verbs.
<i>Every</i> or <i>each</i> preceding singular subjects joined by <i>and</i> calls for a singular verb.
<u>Collective nouns</u> take a <u>singular verb</u> when they refer to the group as a <u>unit</u> .
<u>Collective nouns</u> take a <u>plural verb</u> when they refer to <u>individuals or parts</u> of the group.
Some nouns (such as <i>athletics, politics, series, deer, and sheep</i>) can be either singular or plural depending the context of the sentence.