

# Subject-Verb Agreement

The subject and the verb in a sentence must work together, or **agree**. To make most present-tense verbs agree with singular nouns or *he, she, or it*, add *-s*. If the subject is a plural noun or *I, you, we, or they*, the present-tense verb does not end in *-s*.

**Singular Subject** The sun sets late on a summer day. He listens to crickets.

**Plural Subject** The girls play outside until dark. I sing a song.

A form of *be* in a sentence also must agree with the subject. Use *am, is* or *was* to agree with singular nouns. Use *are* or *were* to agree with plural nouns.

**Singular Subject** The moon is shining brightly. The moon was full.

**Plural Subject** Fireflies are lighting the sky. They were everywhere.

**Directions** Choose the verb in ( ) that agrees with the subject. Write the verb.

1. Two deer (are, is) standing in the clearing. \_\_\_\_\_
2. David (step, steps) on a branch. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The animals (looks, look) frightened. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The boy (watch, watches) them run away. \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions** Choose the verb in ( ) that agrees with the subject. Write the sentence.

5. The forest (is, are) full of little creatures.  
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6. Rabbits (run, runs) through the bushes.  
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7. Mice (hides, hide) in holes.  
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8. They (is, are) afraid of bigger animals.  
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