

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. are
2. David (step, steps) on a branch. steps
3. The animals (looks, look) frightened. look
4. The boy (watch, watches) them run away. watches

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

5. The forest (is, are) full of little creatures.

The forest is full of little creatures.

6. Rabbits (run, runs) through the bushes.

Rabbits run through the bushes.

7. Mice (hides, hide) in holes.

Mice hide in holes.

8. They (is, are) afraid of bigger animals.

They are afraid of bigger animals.