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DEVELOP THE CONCEPT

# 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 bird sings a cheery song. She listens to the music.

**Plural Subject** The ducks eat the bread crumbs. We watch them.

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

**Singular Subject** A grasshopper is hiding on the lawn. The ant was busy.

**Plural Subject** Crickets are singing in the trees. The insects were noisy.

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

- The hummingbird (is, are) flying around the garden. \_\_\_\_\_ **is**
- Those birds (is, are) so tiny. \_\_\_\_\_ **are**
- Moths (are, is) fluttering near the streetlight. \_\_\_\_\_ **are**
- A big frog (are, is) croaking at the pond. \_\_\_\_\_ **is**
- Some dogs (is, are) answering with barks. \_\_\_\_\_ **are**

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

- The ants (crawl, crawls) around the picnic table.

**The ants crawl around the picnic table.**

- A fly (buzz, buzzes) in the warm air.

**A fly buzzes in the warm air.**

- A little spider (makes, make) a big web.

**A little spider makes a big web.**



**Home Activity** Your child learned about subject-verb agreement. Have your child tell a sentence about something that happened in school and explain how the subject and verb agree.