

# Year 6 Grammar Revision

*Subject/Verb  
Agreement*



# Subject/Verb Agreement: The Rules

## *Singular*

The subject and the verb of a sentence **must always agree** for the sentence to be grammatically correct.

What do you notice about the subject and verb in these sentences?

**Thomas** **likes** milk.

**A hen** **lays** eggs.

A **singular** (one) **subject** is always followed by the singular form of the **verb**.



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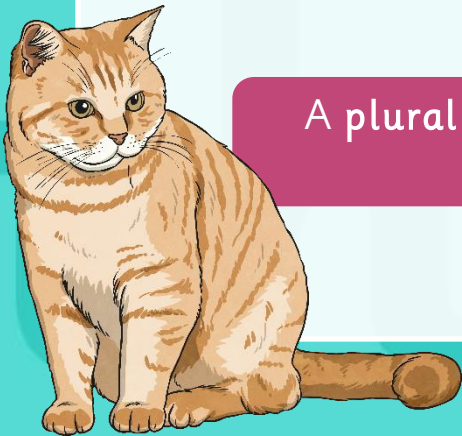
## *Plural*

What do you notice about the subject and verb in these sentences?

The mice **run** from the cat.

The children **follow** the Pied Piper.

A plural (more than one) subject is always followed by the plural form of the verb.



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To help with correct verb agreement, the basic rule is:

- If the subject is singular (one) the verb must be singular.
- If the subject is plural (more than one) the verb must be plural.

To form the plural of a verb in the present tense, you should remove the s (or sometimes 'es' or 'ies') from the singular form.

Here are some examples of verbs in their present tense singular and plural form...

Singular	Plural
becomes	become
catches	catch
drinks	drink
flies	fly
forgives	forgive
goes	go
hides	hide
leads	lead
rides	ride
seeks	seek
springs	spring
tears	tear
writes	write

# Subject/Verb Agreement: The Tricky Bits

The verb 'to be' follows a different rule when it comes to subject/verb agreement. The irregular verb forms of 'to be' are very commonly misused.

Where there is one subject (singular), the correct use of 'to be' is either **is**, **am** or **was**...

**I am/was**

**I am/I was** feeling excited.

**He is/was**

**He is/He was** very gentle.

**She is/was**

**She is/She was** playing tennis.

**It is/was**

**It is/It was** a bright summer's day.



# Subject/Verb Agreement: The Tricky Bits

In the plural form, the correct use of 'to be' is either **are** or **were**...

**We are/were**      **We are/We were** excited.

**You are/were**      **You are/You were** all in deep trouble.

**They are/were**      **They are/They were** playing all day.

Now you have revised subject/verb agreement,  
could you answer some quick questions on the topic?



# Quiz! Part 1

Which pair of verbs correctly complete the sentences below?

Mum and Carol \_\_\_\_\_ certain that they had heard the air-raid siren.

Carol \_\_\_\_\_ feeling very frightened.

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is/was

was/are

were/was

## Quiz! Part 2

Choose one verb in each pair to complete the sentences using Standard English.

We is / **are** going on holiday to Spain.

I is / **am** packing my swimming costume and towel in my suitcase.

## Quiz! Part 3

Complete each sentence by adding the correct subjects to these sentences:

**coach**   **Sid and Violet**   **bicycles**   **Marcie**

Sid and Violet enjoy playing board games.

The bicycles were parked outside the bus station.

The coach was stuck in a traffic jam.

Marcie works hard during maths lessons.

*Are you feeling confident  
with subject/verb  
agreement?*

