

# Grammar: Subject-Verb Agreement

When you write a sentence, you must make sure that the **subject** and the **verb** agree. If the subject is a **singular noun**, or the pronoun **he**, **she** or **it**, you need a **singular verb**. Examples:

She **enjoys** music.

He **shares** his books with his friends.

It is snowing.

The zookeeper **is feeding** the animals.

Mom always **drives** to work.

Use a plural verb if the subject is a plural noun, or the pronoun **we**, **you** or **they**. Examples:

The two girls always **walk** home together.

All birds **lay** eggs.

The children **are playing** on the swing.

Mom and dad **love** us a lot.

**Collective nouns** may be used with either **singular** or **plural verbs**. Examples:

Correct Use	Incorrect Use
The band <b>is playing</b> .	The band are playing.
Our team <b>has won</b> .	Our team have won.
The audience <b>is laughing</b> .	The audience are laughing.
The family <b>has moved</b> to Texas.	The family have moved to Texas.

Some plural nouns, such as **people**, **cattle** and **police**, don't end with -s. Always use a **plural verb** with these nouns. Examples:

People **like** to be praised.

The cattle **are** in the field.

The police **have caught** the thief.

**Exercise #1:** Fill in the blanks with verbs that match the subjects. Use the correct form of the **simple present tense** of the verbs in parentheses.

1. Mark always \_\_\_\_\_ to school with his sister. (go)
2. You \_\_\_\_\_ the answer to the question. (know)
3. Louis \_\_\_\_\_ the answer , too. (know)
4. This book \_\_\_\_\_ very few drawings. (have)
5. These books \_\_\_\_\_ lots of beautiful drawings. (have)
6. Anna \_\_\_\_\_ my sister. (be)
7. Pat and Alice \_\_\_\_\_ good at English. (be)

**Exercise #2:** Fill in the blanks with verbs that match the subjects. Use the correct form of the **simple present tense** of the verbs in parentheses.

8. A tiger \_\_\_\_\_ . (roar)
9. Joey \_\_\_\_\_ listening to music. (likes)
10. Uncle Bob \_\_\_\_\_ his car every day. (wash)
11. She \_\_\_\_\_ all the answers. (know)
12. Our parents \_\_\_\_\_ us. (love)