Garden Grammar Check

Sort garden notes by subject-verb agreement.

5.LF.39 "Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage in writing. a. Evaluate the usage of pronouns for the proper case. b. Identify inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person. c..."

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SUBJECT AND VERB MATCH

The verb fits the subject. In the present tense, one person or thing often takes a verb ending in -s, while more than one usually takes a verb without -s.

One lantern glows beside a gate.

SUBJECT AND VERB DO NOT MATCH

The verb does not fit the subject. Check whether the subject names one or more than one.

Several pillows rests upon a sofa.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle MATCH or MISMATCH for each sentence; for Part 2, choose two item numbers and explain how each subject and verb helped you decide.

1. The bees buzz near the sunflowers. MATCH MISMATCH

2. A robin sings above the garden. MATCH MISMATCH

3. The seedlings needs more water. MATCH MISMATCH

4. Two students carry the watering cans. MATCH MISMATCH

5. The compost bin smell strange. MATCH MISMATCH

6. The worms crawls under the soil. MATCH MISMATCH

7. Each flower has bright petals. MATCH MISMATCH

8. The leaves on the path look wet. MATCH MISMATCH

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

For Part 3, write one new garden sentence in which the subject and verb match and one in which they do not match; label each sentence.

MATCH _____

MISMATCH _____

CHALLENGE

Revise one MISMATCH sentence from Part 1 so its subject and verb match, then add a phrase telling when or where the action happens.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The bees buzz near the sunflowers.	**MATCH**	The plural subject bees agrees with buzz.
2	A robin sings above the garden.	**MATCH**	The singular subject robin agrees with sings.
3	The seedlings needs more water.	**MISMATCH**	The plural subject seedlings requires need.
4	Two students carry the watering cans.	**MATCH**	The plural subject students agrees with carry.
5	The compost bin smell strange.	**MISMATCH**	The singular subject bin requires smells.
6	The worms crawls under the soil.	**MISMATCH**	The plural subject worms requires crawl.
7	Each flower has bright petals.	**MATCH**	Each makes the subject singular, so has agrees.
8	The leaves on the path look wet.	**MATCH**	The plural subject leaves agrees with look.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **MATCH**: The butterflies flutter over the fence.
- **MISMATCH**: A beetle crawl across a stone.

Challenge: The seedlings need more water each morning.

Part 2 example: In item 1, bees is plural, so buzz matches; in item 3, seedlings is plural, so needs does not match. Accept any two accurate explanations that identify the subject and verb.