Verb Match Hunt

Sort sentences, explain two choices, and make your own.

6.LL.18 "Identify a speaker's correct usage of language, including subject-verb agreement and pronouns."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SUBJECT AND VERB MATCH

The subject and verb agree. A singular subject takes a singular verb, and a plural subject takes a plural verb.

Pilots navigate storms.

SUBJECT AND VERB DO NOT MATCH

The subject and verb do not agree. Check the subject, not a noun that happens to be closer to the verb.

Bakers kneads dough.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle MATCH or MISMATCH for each sentence, then choose two numbered sentences and explain how the subject and verb helped you decide.

1.	The students at the museum sketch fossils.	MATCH MISMATCH
2.	My cousin builds tiny model houses.	MATCH MISMATCH
3.	The lanterns near the tent glows at night.	MATCH MISMATCH
4.	A pile of comics sits by the window.	MATCH MISMATCH
5.	The actors on the stage speaks clearly.	MATCH MISMATCH
6.	The notebook with blue stickers belong to Maya.	MATCH MISMATCH
7.	Our neighbors share seeds each spring.	MATCH MISMATCH
8.	The river behind the houses flows quickly.	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

Write one new sentence in which the subject and verb match and one in which they do not match.

MATCH _____

MISMATCH _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence with a plural subject, a phrase between the subject and verb, and a matching verb. Underline the subject and verb.

ANSWER KEY # Verb Match Hunt

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The students at the museum sketch fossils.	**MATCH**	The plural subject students agrees with sketch.
2	My cousin builds tiny model houses.	**MATCH**	The singular subject cousin agrees with builds.
3	The lanterns near the tent glows at night.	**MISMATCH**	The plural subject lanterns needs glow, not glows.
4	A pile of comics sits by the window.	**MATCH**	The singular subject pile agrees with sits.
5	The actors on the stage speaks clearly.	**MISMATCH**	The plural subject actors needs speak, not speaks.
6	The notebook with blue stickers belong to Maya.	**MISMATCH**	The singular subject notebook needs belongs, not belong.
7	Our neighbors share seeds each spring.	**MATCH**	The plural subject neighbors agrees with share.
8	The river behind the houses flows quickly.	**MATCH**	The singular subject river agrees with flows.

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**: My brother repairs bicycles.
- **MISMATCH**: The buses stops beside the library.

Challenge: The gardeners near the pond plant tulips.

For Part 2, accept any two explanations that identify the subject and check its verb. For example, item 3 has the plural subject lanterns but the singular verb glows; item 4 has the singular subject pile and the matching verb sits.