Match the Action

Sort sentences by subject and verb agreement.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.3.1 "Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking."

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SUBJECT AND VERB MATCH

A singular subject needs a singular verb, such as runs. A plural subject needs a plural verb, such as run.

The rabbit hops through the grass.

SUBJECT AND VERB DO NOT MATCH

The subject and verb do not agree. Change the verb so it matches one subject or more than one subject.

The pencils needs sharpening.

1 SORT

8 items

For each sentence, circle MATCH or FIX, then in Part 2, choose two items and explain how you knew.

1. The dogs bark loudly. MATCH FIX

2. My friend plays chess. MATCH FIX

3. The birds sings at dawn. MATCH FIX

4. That turtle moves slowly. MATCH FIX

5. The cookies tastes sweet. MATCH FIX

6. Our neighbors walks their dog. MATCH FIX

7. A kite flies over the park. MATCH FIX

8. The children runs outside. MATCH FIX

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 MATCH sentence and one new FIX sentence.

MATCH _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one FIX sentence above. Rewrite it correctly, then tell why you changed the verb.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The dogs bark loudly.	**MATCH**	Plural subject dogs matches plural verb bark.
2	My friend plays chess.	**MATCH**	Singular subject friend matches singular verb plays.
3	The birds sings at dawn.	**FIX**	Plural subject birds needs the verb sing, not sings.
4	That turtle moves slowly.	**MATCH**	Singular subject turtle matches singular verb moves.
5	The cookies tastes sweet.	**FIX**	Plural subject cookies needs the verb taste, not tastes.
6	Our neighbors walks their dog.	**FIX**	Plural subject neighbors needs the verb walk, not walks.
7	A kite flies over the park.	**MATCH**	Singular subject kite matches singular verb flies.
8	The children runs outside.	**FIX**	Plural subject children needs the verb run, not runs.

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 baby laughs at the puppet.
- **FIX**: The stars shines at night.

Challenge: The children run outside. Children means more than one, so it needs the plural verb run.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the subject as singular or plural and connect it to the matching verb form. In Part 3, accept different sentences if the subject and verb agreement is correct for MATCH and incorrect for FIX.