

Verb Match Detectives

Check whether each subject and verb belong together.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.3.1f "Ensure subject-verb and pronoun-antecedent agreement.*"

NAME _____

DATE _____

SUBJECT AND VERB MATCH

A singular subject needs a singular verb. A plural subject needs a plural verb.

The rabbit hops.

SUBJECT AND VERB NEED FIXING

The subject and verb do not agree. Change the verb so it matches the subject.

The rabbits hops.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle MATCH or FIX for each sentence, then choose two items for Part 2 and explain how the subject and verb helped you decide.

1. 1. The birds sing.

MATCH

FIX

2. 2. My friend reads.

MATCH

FIX

3. 3. The puppies runs.

MATCH

FIX

4. 4. Our teacher smiles.

MATCH

FIX

5. 5. The baby birds chirps.

MATCH

FIX

6. 6. The dogs barks.

MATCH

FIX

7. 7. The buses stop.

MATCH

FIX

8. 8. The stars shines.

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

Write a sentence with two subjects joined by and. Use a verb that matches both subjects.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. The birds sing.	MATCH	Plural subject birds matches plural verb sing.
2	2. My friend reads.	MATCH	Singular subject friend matches singular verb reads.
3	3. The puppies runs.	FIX	Plural subject puppies needs run, not runs.
4	4. Our teacher smiles.	MATCH	Singular subject teacher matches singular verb smiles.
5	5. The baby birds chirps.	FIX	Plural subject birds needs chirp, not chirps.
6	6. The dogs barks.	FIX	Plural subject dogs needs bark, not barks.
7	7. The buses stop.	MATCH	Plural subject buses matches plural verb stop.
8	8. The stars shines.	FIX	Plural subject stars needs shine, not shines.

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 frogs jump.
- **FIX:** The frog jump.

Challenge: Mia and Theo play outside.

For Part 2, students should name the subject and tell whether it is singular or plural, then connect that to the verb. Accept different Part 3 and challenge answers when the agreement and category are correct.