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 _____

MATCH

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

The rabbit hops.

FIX

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. The birds sing. MATCH FIX
2. My friend reads. MATCH FIX
3. The puppies runs. MATCH FIX
4. Our teacher smiles. MATCH FIX
5. The baby birds chirps. MATCH FIX
6. The dogs barks. MATCH FIX
7. The buses stop. MATCH FIX
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** _____

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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.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

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