

Verb Match Quest

Check whether each subject and verb agree.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.4.1 “Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

SUBJECT AND VERB MATCH

The subject and verb agree. One person or thing usually uses a verb ending in s, while more than one usually uses a verb without s.

A turtle rests beneath moss.

SUBJECT AND VERB NEED A FIX

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

Several lanterns glows softly.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle MATCHES or FIX for each sentence, then pick two items and explain which subject and verb helped you decide.

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| 1. The puppies chase the ball. | <input type="button" value="MATCHES"/> | <input type="button" value="FIX"/> |
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| 2. Our neighbors plant tulips. | <input type="button" value="MATCHES"/> | <input type="button" value="FIX"/> |
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| 3. My brother walk to school. | <input type="button" value="MATCHES"/> | <input type="button" value="FIX"/> |
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| 4. The candles burn brightly. | <input type="button" value="MATCHES"/> | <input type="button" value="FIX"/> |
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| 5. That bird build a nest. | <input type="button" value="MATCHES"/> | <input type="button" value="FIX"/> |
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| 6. The noisy trucks rumbles past. | <input type="button" value="MATCHES"/> | <input type="button" value="FIX"/> |
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| 7. My cousin draws maps. | <input type="button" value="MATCHES"/> | <input type="button" value="FIX"/> |
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| 8. The frogs hops away. | <input type="button" value="MATCHES"/> | <input type="button" value="FIX"/> |
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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 that MATCHES and one new sentence that needs a FIX.

MATCHES _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-clause sentence with one singular subject and matching verb, then one plural subject and matching verb.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The puppies chase the ball.	MATCHES	Plural subject puppies matches base verb chase.
2	Our neighbors plant tulips.	MATCHES	Plural subject neighbors matches base verb plant.
3	My brother walk to school.	FIX	Singular subject brother needs walks.
4	The candles burn brightly.	MATCHES	Plural subject candles matches base verb burn.
5	That bird build a nest.	FIX	Singular subject bird needs builds.
6	The noisy trucks rumbles past.	FIX	Plural subject trucks needs rumble.
7	My cousin draws maps.	MATCHES	Singular subject cousin matches draws.
8	The frogs hops away.	FIX	Plural subject frogs needs hop.

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)

- **MATCHES:** The baker mixes bread dough.
- **FIX:** The dancers leaps onstage.

Challenge: The dog barks at the gate, and the birds sing in the tree.

Answers: 1 MATCHES, 2 MATCHES, 3 FIX, 4 MATCHES, 5 FIX, 6 FIX, 7 MATCHES, 8 FIX. In Part 2, students should name the subject and verb and explain whether they agree.