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 _____

MATCHES

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.

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.

1. The puppies chase the ball. MATCHES FIX

2. Our neighbors plant tulips. MATCHES FIX

3. My brother walk to school. MATCHES FIX

4. The candles burn brightly. MATCHES FIX

5. That bird build a nest. MATCHES FIX

6. The noisy trucks rumbles past. MATCHES FIX

7. My cousin draws maps. MATCHES FIX

8. The frogs hops away. MATCHES 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 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.

ANSWER KEY # Verb Match Quest

GRADE 4 · L.4.1

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.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. In Part 2, students should name the subject and verb and explain whether they agree.