

Verb Match Detective

Sort, prove it, then write your own.

ELA.6.C.3.1 "Follow the rules of standard English grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling appropriate to grade level."

NAME _____

DATE _____

SUBJECT AND VERB MATCH

Use this tag when the verb matches the subject in number. A singular subject takes a singular verb, and a plural subject takes a plural verb.

Mira's violin rests beside windows.

SUBJECT AND VERB DO NOT MATCH

Use this tag when the subject and verb do not match in number. Change the verb to make the sentence standard English.

Five turtles swims slowly.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each sentence, circle AGREES if the subject and verb match or DISAGREES if they do not, then in Part 2 choose two item numbers and explain how you know.

1. My cousin collects rare coins.

AGREES

DISAGREES

2. The dancers practice after rehearsal.

AGREES

DISAGREES

3. A box of puzzle pieces belong in the closet.

AGREES

DISAGREES

4. Neither of the brothers knows the answer.

AGREES

DISAGREES

5. The posters on the wall needs tape.

AGREES

DISAGREES

6. Every student carry a notebook.

AGREES

DISAGREES

7. The players on the bench cheer loudly.

AGREES

DISAGREES

8. An envelope of receipts is on the desk.

AGREES

DISAGREES

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 for AGREES and one new sentence for DISAGREES.

AGREES _____

DISAGREES _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with a singular subject, a phrase that includes a plural noun, and a matching verb.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	My cousin collects rare coins.	AGREES	The singular subject cousin matches the singular verb collects.
2	The dancers practice after rehearsal.	AGREES	The plural subject dancers matches the plural verb practice.
3	A box of puzzle pieces belong in the closet.	DISAGREES	The singular subject box needs the singular verb belongs.
4	Neither of the brothers knows the answer.	AGREES	Neither is singular and matches knows.
5	The posters on the wall needs tape.	DISAGREES	The plural subject posters needs the plural verb need.
6	Every student carry a notebook.	DISAGREES	The singular subject student needs the singular verb carries.
7	The players on the bench cheer loudly.	AGREES	The plural subject players matches the plural verb cheer.
8	An envelope of receipts is on the desk.	AGREES	The singular subject envelope matches the singular verb is.

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)

- **AGREES:** Our goalie stops every shot.
- **DISAGREES:** The pile of blankets are damp.

Challenge: The jar of buttons belongs on the shelf.

Answers: 1 AGREES, 2 AGREES, 3 DISAGREES, 4 AGREES, 5 DISAGREES, 6 DISAGREES, 7 AGREES, 8 AGREES.

Accept Part 2 explanations that identify the subject and verb and tell whether they are singular or plural.