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.

ANSWER KEY

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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.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Accept Part 2 explanations that identify the subject and verb and tell whether they are singular or plural.