

Verb Match Detectives

Sort sentences by subject-verb agreement.

ELA.7.C.3.1 "Follow the rules of standard English grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling appropriate to grade level."

NAME _____

DATE _____

AGREEMENT WORKS

The verb agrees with its subject. A singular subject takes a singular verb, and a plural subject takes a plural verb.

Lanterns glow nightly.

AGREEMENT NEEDS A FIX

The verb does not agree with its subject. Change the verb so it matches the subject.

Lanterns glows nightly.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle CORRECT or REVISE for each sentence, then choose two items and explain how the subject and verb match or do not match.

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| 1. The basket of apples sits by the door. | <input type="button" value="CORRECT"/> | <input type="button" value="REVISE"/> |
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| 2. Each of the science kits needs fresh batteries. | <input type="button" value="CORRECT"/> | <input type="button" value="REVISE"/> |
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| 3. The musicians rehearses after school. | <input type="button" value="CORRECT"/> | <input type="button" value="REVISE"/> |
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| 4. My cousins and I visit the museum often. | <input type="button" value="CORRECT"/> | <input type="button" value="REVISE"/> |
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| 5. The clouds above the hills looks dark. | <input type="button" value="CORRECT"/> | <input type="button" value="REVISE"/> |
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| 6. The box of old photographs were dusty. | <input type="button" value="CORRECT"/> | <input type="button" value="REVISE"/> |
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| 7. Neither of the answers seems reasonable. | <input type="button" value="CORRECT"/> | <input type="button" value="REVISE"/> |
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| 8. The color of the leaves change quickly. | <input type="button" value="CORRECT"/> | <input type="button" value="REVISE"/> |
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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 CORRECT sentence and one new REVISE sentence about subject-verb agreement.

CORRECT _____

REVISE _____

CHALLENGE

Write a correct sentence with a compound subject and a verb that agrees with it.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The basket of apples sits by the door.	CORRECT	The singular subject, basket, matches the singular verb sits.
2	Each of the science kits needs fresh batteries.	CORRECT	The singular subject, each, matches the singular verb needs.
3	The musicians rehearses after school.	REVISE	The plural subject, musicians, needs the plural verb rehearse.
4	My cousins and I visit the museum often.	CORRECT	The plural compound subject matches the plural verb visit.
5	The clouds above the hills looks dark.	REVISE	The plural subject, clouds, needs the plural verb look.
6	The box of old photographs were dusty.	REVISE	The singular subject, box, needs the singular verb was.
7	Neither of the answers seems reasonable.	CORRECT	The singular subject, neither, matches the singular verb seems.
8	The color of the leaves change quickly.	REVISE	The singular subject, color, needs the singular verb changes.

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)

- **CORRECT:** A comet appears at dusk.
- **REVISE:** Several turtles swims toward shore.

Challenge: Lena and Omar pack their lunches.

For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly identify the subject and tell whether the verb agrees with it. In item 6, photographs is part of a prepositional phrase, so box is the subject.