# Verb Match Detectives

Check whether each subject matches its verb.

**10.L.GC.1** "Grammar, Usage, & Mechanics: Draw from knowledge of the conventions of Standard English grammar, usage, and mechanics when analyzing, evaluating, and constructing texts."

NAME _____ DATE _____

### SUBJECT AND VERB AGREE

The subject and verb match in number. A singular subject takes a singular verb, and a plural subject takes a plural verb.

My cousin writes poems nightly.

### SUBJECT AND VERB DISAGREE

The subject and verb do not match in number. Check the main subject, not a nearby noun.

Those recipes was tasty.

## 1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle AGREES or DISAGREES for each sentence; for Part 2, choose two sentences and explain how the subject and verb agree or disagree in number.

**1.** The stack of journals belongs on the shelf. AGREES DISAGREES

**2.** The neighbors across the street watches the parade. AGREES DISAGREES

**3.** One of the hikers carry a map. AGREES DISAGREES

**4.** Each of the paintings needs a protective frame. AGREES DISAGREES

**5.** The bouquet of roses smells sweet. AGREES DISAGREES

**6.** The engines in the garage needs repairs. AGREES DISAGREES

**7.** A collection of rare coins is displayed upstairs. AGREES DISAGREES

**8.** The musicians rehearse after school. 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** _____

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## 3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence whose subject and verb AGREE, then write one new sentence whose subject and verb DISAGREE.

**AGREES** _____

**DISAGREES** _____

**CHALLENGE**

Revise one DISAGREES sentence from Part 1 so its subject and verb agree, then explain the change you made.

**ANSWER KEY** # Verb Match Detectives

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## PART 1 · SORT

| # | ITEM | CATEGORY | WHY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | The stack of journals belongs on the shelf. | **AGREES** | The main subject, stack, is singular, so belongs is correct. |
| 2 | The neighbors across the street watches the parade. | **DISAGREES** | Neighbors is plural, so the verb should be watch. |
| 3 | One of the hikers carry a map. | **DISAGREES** | One is singular, so the verb should be carries. |
| 4 | Each of the paintings needs a protective frame. | **AGREES** | Each is singular, so needs is correct. |
| 5 | The bouquet of roses smells sweet. | **AGREES** | The main subject, bouquet, is singular, so smells is correct. |
| 6 | The engines in the garage needs repairs. | **DISAGREES** | Engines is plural, so the verb should be need. |
| 7 | A collection of rare coins is displayed upstairs. | **AGREES** | The main subject, collection, is singular, so is is correct. |
| 8 | The musicians rehearse after school. | **AGREES** | Musicians is plural, so rehearse is correct. |

## 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**: The sculpture stands near the fountain.
- **DISAGREES**: The cables under the stage is tangled.

**Challenge:** The neighbors across the street watch the parade. I changed watches to watch because neighbors is plural.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. AGREES: 1, 4, 5, 7, 8. DISAGREES: 2, 3, 6. Remind students to identify the main subject before choosing the verb.