Match It Up

Make subjects and verbs agree.

3.L.GC.2.c "Use correct subject-verb agreement in a variety of sentences. (C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

MATCH

The subject and action word agree. One subject usually uses an action word ending in -s, and more than one subject usually uses an action word without -s.

Turtles crawl quietly.

FIX

The subject and action word do not agree. Change the action word so it fits the subject.

Lanterns shines brightly.

1 SORT

8 items

Read each sentence and circle MATCH or FIX.

1. The puppy chases a ball. MATCH FIX
2. My friends walks home. MATCH FIX
3. The flowers blooms in spring. MATCH FIX
4. A bird sings in a tree. MATCH FIX
5. The teacher reads a story. MATCH FIX
6. The cars stop at the light. MATCH FIX
7. The children eats lunch. MATCH FIX
8. Our dog and cat plays outside. MATCH 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 MATCH sentence and one new FIX sentence.

MATCH _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with two subjects joined by and. Make the action word match.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The puppy chases a ball.	**MATCH**	Puppy is singular, so chases agrees.
2	My friends walks home.	**FIX**	Friends is plural, so it needs walk.
3	The flowers blooms in spring.	**FIX**	Flowers is plural, so it needs bloom.
4	A bird sings in a tree.	**MATCH**	Bird is singular, so sings agrees.
5	The teacher reads a story.	**MATCH**	Teacher is singular, so reads agrees.
6	The cars stop at the light.	**MATCH**	Cars is plural, so stop agrees.
7	The children eats lunch.	**FIX**	Children is plural, so it needs eat.
8	Our dog and cat plays outside.	**FIX**	Dog and cat means more than one, so it needs play.

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)

- **MATCH**: Bees buzz beside hives.
- **FIX**: Boats floats on water.

Challenge: Nora and Sam paint a mural.

Accept different student sentences when the subject and verb agreement is correct for MATCH or incorrect for FIX. In the challenge, two subjects joined by and usually need a plural verb.