

Verb Match Mix

Sort sentences by subject and verb agreement.

5.L.GC.1 "Grammar, Usage, & Mechanics: Learn and apply conventions of Standard English grammar, usage, and mechanics to aid the comprehension and analysis of texts and to communicate clearly and precisely in written and spoken language."

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SUBJECT AND VERB MATCH

The subject and verb agree. A singular subject needs a singular verb, and a plural subject needs a plural verb.

The robin sings at dawn.

SUBJECT AND VERB DO NOT MATCH

The subject and verb do not agree. One is singular and the other is plural.

Those machines hums in the workshop.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle MATCH or MISMATCH for each sentence, then choose two items and explain how the subject and verb do or do not agree.

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| 1. The jar of buttons sits on the shelf. | ☐ MATCH | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 2. Several hikers carry maps. | ☐ MATCH | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 3. The basket of apples are heavy. | ☐ MATCH | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 4. My cousins visit every summer. | ☐ MATCH | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 5. The noisy parrot squawk loudly. | ☐ MATCH | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 6. Each of the players wear a helmet. | ☐ MATCH | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 7. The candles on the cake glow. | ☐ MATCH | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 8. The books in the box was dusty. | ☐ MATCH | ☐ MISMATCH |

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 MISMATCH sentence.

MATCH _____

MISMATCH _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one MISMATCH sentence from Part 1. Rewrite it so the subject and verb match, then explain what you changed.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The jar of buttons sits on the shelf.	MATCH	The singular subject jar matches the singular verb sits.
2	Several hikers carry maps.	MATCH	The plural subject hikers matches the plural verb carry.
3	The basket of apples are heavy.	MISMATCH	The singular subject basket needs is, not are.
4	My cousins visit every summer.	MATCH	The plural subject cousins matches the plural verb visit.
5	The noisy parrot squawk loudly.	MISMATCH	The singular subject parrot needs squawks, not squawk.
6	Each of the players wear a helmet.	MISMATCH	The singular subject each needs wears, not wear.
7	The candles on the cake glow.	MATCH	The plural subject candles matches the plural verb glow.
8	The books in the box was dusty.	MISMATCH	The plural subject books needs were, not was.

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:** The stars sparkle.
- **MISMATCH:** The dog chase squirrels.

Challenge: The basket of apples is heavy. I changed are to is because basket is singular.

For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly identify the subject and tell whether it is singular or plural. In Part 3, check that each student sentence clearly shows the labeled type of agreement.