

Verb Match Detectives

Look closely at the subject and verb.

5.L.GC.2.c "Use correct subject-verb agreement to consistently achieve clarity in a variety of sentences. (C)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

THEY MATCH

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

The singer performs nightly.

NEEDS A FIX

The subject and verb do not agree in number. Change the verb so it matches the subject.

The musicians performs nightly.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle MATCH or FIX for each sentence, then choose two items and explain how the subject and verb helped you decide.

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| 1. The stack of books sits on the desk. | <input type="button" value="MATCH"/> | <input type="button" value="FIX"/> |
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| 2. The children play outside. | <input type="button" value="MATCH"/> | <input type="button" value="FIX"/> |
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| 3. My cousin and I walks to school. | <input type="button" value="MATCH"/> | <input type="button" value="FIX"/> |
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| 4. Each player brings a water bottle. | <input type="button" value="MATCH"/> | <input type="button" value="FIX"/> |
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| 5. The basket of apples are heavy. | <input type="button" value="MATCH"/> | <input type="button" value="FIX"/> |
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| 6. The windows in the hallway needs cleaning. | <input type="button" value="MATCH"/> | <input type="button" value="FIX"/> |
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| 7. Our science team plans the experiment. | <input type="button" value="MATCH"/> | <input type="button" value="FIX"/> |
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| 8. The pack of wolves moves through the forest. | <input type="button" value="MATCH"/> | <input type="button" value="FIX"/> |
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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 MATCH sentence and one new FIX sentence.

MATCH _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write a correct sentence with a phrase between the subject and verb. Underline the subject and circle the verb.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The stack of books sits on the desk.	MATCH	The subject, stack, is singular, so sits is correct.
2	The children play outside.	MATCH	The subject, children, is plural, so play is correct.
3	My cousin and I walks to school.	FIX	The compound subject is plural, so the verb should be walk.
4	Each player brings a water bottle.	MATCH	Each is singular, so brings is correct.
5	The basket of apples are heavy.	FIX	The subject, basket, is singular, so the verb should be is.
6	The windows in the hallway needs cleaning.	FIX	The subject, windows, is plural, so the verb should be need.
7	Our science team plans the experiment.	MATCH	The subject, team, is singular, so plans is correct.
8	The pack of wolves moves through the forest.	MATCH	The subject, pack, is singular, so moves 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)

- **MATCH:** A rainbow appears after the storm.
- **FIX:** The hikers climbs up the hill.

Challenge: The _collection_ of rare coins (belongs) in the display case.

Answers for Part 1 are MATCH, MATCH, FIX, MATCH, FIX, FIX, MATCH, MATCH. For Part 2, students should identify the true subject and explain whether the verb is singular or plural.