Match the Verb

Check whether each subject and verb work together.

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AGREES

A singular subject takes a singular verb. A plural subject takes a plural verb.

The lantern glows beside the door.

MISMATCH

The verb must match the subject, not a nearby noun. A singular subject and a plural verb, or a plural subject and a singular verb, create a mismatch.

The musicians performs after dinner.

1 SORT

8 items

For each sentence, circle AGREES or MISMATCH, then choose two item numbers and explain how the subject and verb helped you decide.

1.	The stack of old newspapers blocks the doorway.	AGREES MISMATCH
2.	Neither of the answers seem complete.	AGREES MISMATCH
3.	The twins, along with their neighbor, walks to school.	AGREES MISMATCH
4.	Each of the paintings hangs in the gallery.	AGREES MISMATCH
5.	The keys to the storage room is missing.	AGREES MISMATCH
6.	A list of emergency supplies hangs near the exit.	AGREES MISMATCH
7.	The history of these islands fascinate many visitors.	AGREES MISMATCH
8.	Several students volunteer at the food bank.	AGREES 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 sentence that AGREES and one new sentence with a MISMATCH.

AGREES _____

MISMATCH _____

CHALLENGE

Revise one MISMATCH sentence from the sort so it AGREES, then name its subject and verb.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The stack of old newspapers blocks the doorway.	**AGREES**	The subject is singular, stack, and blocks is singular.
2	Neither of the answers seem complete.	**MISMATCH**	Neither is singular, so it needs the singular verb seems.
3	The twins, along with their neighbor, walks to school.	**MISMATCH**	The subject is plural, twins, so it needs the plural verb walk.
4	Each of the paintings hangs in the gallery.	**AGREES**	Each is singular, and hangs is singular.
5	The keys to the storage room is missing.	**MISMATCH**	The subject is plural, keys, so it needs the plural verb are.
6	A list of emergency supplies hangs near the exit.	**AGREES**	The subject is singular, list, and hangs is singular.
7	The history of these islands fascinate many visitors.	**MISMATCH**	The subject is singular, history, so it needs the singular verb fascinates.
8	Several students volunteer at the food bank.	**AGREES**	The subject is plural, students, and volunteer is plural.

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 athlete trains before sunrise.
- **MISMATCH**: The puppies chases a ball.

Challenge: Neither of the answers seems complete. Subject: Neither. Verb: seems.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, students should identify the true subject and explain whether the verb matches its number. Accept varied original sentences in Part 3 if each sentence clearly shows the requested category.