Subject Verb Match

Sort sentences by subject-verb agreement.

7.W "Students compose writing and presentations for various genres which demonstrate a command of English grammar and usage through the writing and research processes."

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MATCH

The subject and present-tense verb agree in number. A singular subject takes a singular verb, and a plural subject takes a plural verb.

Lanterns glow nightly.

MISMATCH

The subject and present-tense verb do not agree in number. A noun between the subject and verb does not change which verb is needed.

One lantern glow nightly.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle MATCH or MISMATCH for each sentence, then choose two numbered items and explain your choices by naming each subject and verb.

1.	The artists paint murals.	MATCH MISMATCH
2.	A rabbit hops through the grass.	MATCH MISMATCH
3.	The keys on the ring jingles.	MATCH MISMATCH
4.	My cousins visit the museum.	MATCH MISMATCH
5.	The captain of the boats steer carefully.	MATCH MISMATCH
6.	The musicians plays softly.	MATCH MISMATCH
7.	The stack of folders sits by the door.	MATCH MISMATCH
8.	Several hikers follow the trail.	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** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new present-tense sentence with a subject and verb that MATCH, and one with a subject and verb that MISMATCH.

MATCH _____

MISMATCH _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one MISMATCH sentence from Part 1 and change only its verb to fix it. Then explain your change in one sentence.

ANSWER KEY # Subject Verb Match

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The artists paint murals.	**MATCH**	The plural subject artists agrees with paint.
2	A rabbit hops through the grass.	**MATCH**	The singular subject rabbit agrees with hops.
3	The keys on the ring jingles.	**MISMATCH**	The plural subject keys requires jingle, not jingles.
4	My cousins visit the museum.	**MATCH**	The plural subject cousins agrees with visit.
5	The captain of the boats steer carefully.	**MISMATCH**	The singular subject captain requires steers, not steer.
6	The musicians plays softly.	**MISMATCH**	The plural subject musicians requires play, not plays.
7	The stack of folders sits by the door.	**MATCH**	The singular subject stack agrees with sits.
8	Several hikers follow the trail.	**MATCH**	The plural subject hikers agrees with follow.

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 puppies chase bubbles.
- **MISMATCH**: A turtle swim slowly.

Challenge: The keys on the ring jingle. The plural subject keys needs the plural verb jingle.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify each subject and verb and state whether they agree in number. In item 7, stack is the subject, not folders.