Verb Fit Check

Sort sentences, explain your choices, and make your own.

4.5.W.3 "Students will recognize and correct errors in subject and verb agreement."

NAME _____ DATE _____

FITS THE SUBJECT

One person or thing usually takes a present-time action verb ending in s. Two or more usually take a verb without s.

Maya paints bright murals.

NEEDS A FIX

The subject and verb do not fit together. Change the verb so it fits the subject.

Turtles swims near coral reefs.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle MATCH or FIX for each sentence; for Part 2, choose two numbered sentences and explain how the subject and verb helped you decide.

1.	A robin sings each morning.	MATCH FIX
2.	Two chefs chops onions.	MATCH FIX
3.	My cousin ride a scooter.	MATCH FIX
4.	Those buses stop here.	MATCH FIX
5.	Our kitten naps on pillows.	MATCH FIX
6.	Three artists sketch portraits.	MATCH FIX
7.	The gardener water flowers.	MATCH FIX
8.	Many dancers spin quickly.	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 a sentence with a phrase between its subject and verb and a verb that does not match, then rewrite it with the verb fixed.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	A robin sings each morning.	**MATCH**	Robin is singular, and sings agrees with it.
2	Two chefs chops onions.	**FIX**	Chefs is plural, so the verb should be chop.
3	My cousin ride a scooter.	**FIX**	Cousin is singular, so the verb should be rides.
4	Those buses stop here.	**MATCH**	Buses is plural, and stop agrees with it.
5	Our kitten naps on pillows.	**MATCH**	Kitten is singular, and naps agrees with it.
6	Three artists sketch portraits.	**MATCH**	Artists is plural, and sketch agrees with it.
7	The gardener water flowers.	**FIX**	Gardener is singular, so the verb should be waters.
8	Many dancers spin quickly.	**MATCH**	Dancers is plural, and spin agrees with it.

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**: Lena jumps over puddles.
- **FIX**: Four sailors steers boats.

Challenge: The basket of apples sit on the porch. The basket of apples sits on the porch.

Sort key: MATCH 1, 4, 5, 6, 8; FIX 2, 3, 7. For Part 2, accept any two explanations that identify the subject and tell whether its verb fits.