Find the Match

Sort the sentences, then explain how you knew for two.

7.2.W.4 "Students will routinely and recursively edit for correct grammar, usage, and mechanics, using various resources."

NAME _____ DATE _____

VERB AGREES

The subject and present-tense verb match. A plural subject usually takes a verb without an -s ending.

Puppies chase kites.

VERB DOES NOT AGREE

The subject and present-tense verb do not match. The verb needs an edit.

Puppies chases kites.

1 SORT

8 items

For each sentence, circle AGREES if the subject and verb match, or CLASHES if they do not.

1. Boxes of old letters sit by the door. AGREES CLASHES
2. Each of the runners wear a blue badge. AGREES CLASHES
3. A stack of comic books tumble off the shelf. AGREES CLASHES
4. Several lanterns glow above our campsite. AGREES CLASHES
5. The sound of distant drums fills the hallway. AGREES CLASHES
6. Those jars of paint belong in the closet. AGREES CLASHES
7. My neighbor and her cousin visits on Fridays. AGREES CLASHES
8. One of our teammates bring extra pencils. AGREES CLASHES

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 belongs in AGREES and one that belongs in CLASHES.

AGREES _____

CLASHES _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one CLASHES sentence from Part 1, rewrite it so the subject and verb agree, and explain why you changed the verb.

ANSWER KEY

Find the Match

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Boxes of old letters sit by the door.	**AGREES**	The plural subject Boxes matches sit.
2	Each of the runners wear a blue badge.	**CLASHES**	The singular subject Each requires wears.
3	A stack of comic books tumble off the shelf.	**CLASHES**	The singular subject stack requires tumbles.
4	Several lanterns glow above our campsite.	**AGREES**	The plural subject lanterns matches glow.
5	The sound of distant drums fills the hallway.	**AGREES**	The singular subject sound matches fills.
6	Those jars of paint belong in the closet.	**AGREES**	The plural subject jars matches belong.
7	My neighbor and her cousin visits on Fridays.	**CLASHES**	The compound subject neighbor and cousin requires visit.
8	One of our teammates bring extra pencils.	**CLASHES**	The singular subject One requires brings.

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**: A row of sunflowers bends toward the window.
- **CLASHES**: The engines in the garage roars at dawn.

Challenge: Each of the runners wears a blue badge. Each is singular, so wears matches it.

For Part 2, accept any two numbered items with an explanation that identifies the subject and verb, such as item 3: stack is singular, so tumble should be tumbles.