Find the Match

Sort sentences by subject and verb agreement.

7.W.6.a "Verbs – Recognizing and correcting problems with subject/verb agreement."

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CORRECT

The present-tense verb matches the subject. A singular subject takes a singular verb, and a plural subject takes a plural verb. Words between the subject and verb do not change the subject.

One puppy beneath three benches barks loudly.

INCORRECT

The present-tense verb does not match the subject. A noun closer to the verb may seem like the subject, so look carefully.

Many turtles beside a pond swims slowly.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle CORRECT or INCORRECT for each sentence; in Part 2, choose one item from each category and explain how its subject helped you decide.

1. The stack of notebooks sits by the door. CORRECT INCORRECT

2. Several of the runners stretch before practice. CORRECT INCORRECT

3. The keys on the shelf belongs to Maya. CORRECT INCORRECT

4. Each of the lanterns glows at night. CORRECT INCORRECT

5. The captain of the teams lead the parade. CORRECT INCORRECT

6. Two of the paintings hangs in the hall. CORRECT INCORRECT

7. The smell of fresh cookies fills the kitchen. CORRECT INCORRECT

8. Both of the buses stop near the library. CORRECT INCORRECT

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Choose one item from each category and explain how its subject helped you decide.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new present-tense sentence with correct subject and verb agreement and one with incorrect subject and verb agreement. Label each sentence.

CORRECT _____

INCORRECT _____

CHALLENGE

Write an incorrect sentence with a singular subject, an 'of' phrase containing a plural noun, and a present-tense verb; then correct only the verb.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The stack of notebooks sits by the door.	**CORRECT**	The singular subject stack agrees with sits.
2	Several of the runners stretch before practice.	**CORRECT**	The plural subject several agrees with stretch.
3	The keys on the shelf belongs to Maya.	**INCORRECT**	The plural subject keys requires belong.
4	Each of the lanterns glows at night.	**CORRECT**	The singular subject each agrees with glows.
5	The captain of the teams lead the parade.	**INCORRECT**	The singular subject captain requires leads.
6	Two of the paintings hangs in the hall.	**INCORRECT**	The plural subject two requires hang.
7	The smell of fresh cookies fills the kitchen.	**CORRECT**	The singular subject smell agrees with fills.
8	Both of the buses stop near the library.	**CORRECT**	The plural subject both agrees with stop.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Choose one item from each category and explain how its subject helped you decide.
Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **CORRECT**: A train crosses the bridge.
- **INCORRECT**: The clouds drifts over town.

Challenge: The pile of magazines cover the desk. The pile of magazines covers the desk.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the subject in each chosen sentence and state whether its verb agrees. In the challenge, the subject must be singular even though the noun in the 'of' phrase is plural.