

Verb Match Hunt

Check whether each subject and verb agree.

3.11.D.i “complete simple and compound sentences with subject-verb agreement;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

MATCHES

The subject and verb agree. In the present tense, one subject often uses a verb ending in -s, while more than one subject usually uses a verb without -s.

The turtle moves slowly.

NEEDS A FIX

The subject and verb do not agree. Change the verb so it matches the subject.

The kites flies high.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle MATCHES or FIX for each sentence, then choose two items and explain how each subject and verb match or do not match.

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| 1. The puppy chases the ball. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ FIX |
| 2. Mia and Owen pack their lunches. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ FIX |
| 3. The birds sings at dawn. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ FIX |
| 4. The moon rises, and the stars twinkle. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ FIX |
| 5. My brother and I walks to school. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ FIX |
| 6. The rain stops, but the puddles remains. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ FIX |
| 7. Dad cooks dinner, and I set the table. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ FIX |
| 8. The children plays outside after recess. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ 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 sentence that MATCHES and one new sentence that needs a FIX.

MATCHES _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write a compound sentence with two parts, and make sure the subject and verb match in both parts.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The puppy chases the ball.	MATCHES	Singular subject puppy matches singular verb chases.
2	Mia and Owen pack their lunches.	MATCHES	The two subjects, Mia and Owen, match plural verb pack.
3	The birds sings at dawn.	FIX	Plural subject birds needs the verb sing.
4	The moon rises, and the stars twinkle.	MATCHES	Moon matches rises, and stars matches twinkle.
5	My brother and I walks to school.	FIX	The compound subject brother and I needs the verb walk.
6	The rain stops, but the puddles remains.	FIX	Plural subject puddles needs the verb remain.
7	Dad cooks dinner, and I set the table.	MATCHES	Dad matches cooks, and I matches set.
8	The children plays outside after recess.	FIX	Plural subject children needs the verb play.

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)

- **MATCHES:** The frogs leap over logs.
- **FIX:** The drummer play loudly.

Challenge: The train stops at the station, and the passengers hurry to the doors.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly name the subject and tell whether its verb agrees. Corrections for the FIX items are sing, walk, remain, and play.