

Match It Right

Sort sentences by subject-verb agreement.

4.LU.1.E "Use standard subject-verb agreement when speaking and writing."

NAME _____

DATE _____

SUBJECT AND VERB AGREE

The subject and verb match in number. One subject needs a singular verb, and more than one subject needs a plural verb.

A puppy chases leaves.

SUBJECT AND VERB DO NOT AGREE

The subject and verb do not match in number. Change the verb so it matches the subject.

Several lanterns glows at dusk.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle the category for each sentence, then choose two sentences and explain how each subject and verb match or do not match.

1. 1. The chefs cook dinner.

AGREES

MISMATCH

2. 2. My brother play chess.

AGREES

MISMATCH

3. 3. The rabbits hops quickly.

AGREES

MISMATCH

4. 4. That machine makes noise.

AGREES

MISMATCH

5. 5. The dancers practice daily.

AGREES

MISMATCH

6. 6. A cloud drift across the sky.

AGREES

MISMATCH

7. 7. These flowers bloom in spring.

AGREES

MISMATCH

8. 8. The baby birds sing loudly.

AGREES

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 _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Part 3: Write one new sentence that AGREES and one new sentence that is a MISMATCH.

AGREES _____

MISMATCH _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence with two subjects joined by and. Use a verb that agrees with both subjects.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. The chefs cook dinner.	AGREES	The plural subject chefs matches the plural verb cook.
2	2. My brother play chess.	MISMATCH	The singular subject brother needs the singular verb plays.
3	3. The rabbits hops quickly.	MISMATCH	The plural subject rabbits needs the plural verb hop.
4	4. That machine makes noise.	AGREES	The singular subject machine matches the singular verb makes.
5	5. The dancers practice daily.	AGREES	The plural subject dancers matches the plural verb practice.
6	6. A cloud drift across the sky.	MISMATCH	The singular subject cloud needs the singular verb drifts.
7	7. These flowers bloom in spring.	AGREES	The plural subject flowers matches the plural verb bloom.
8	8. The baby birds sing loudly.	AGREES	The plural subject birds matches the plural verb sing.

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 comet travels overhead.
- **MISMATCH:** Those boats sails toward shore.

Challenge: The fox and the deer run across the field.

For Part 2, students should name the subject and verb in each chosen sentence and explain whether they are both singular or both plural. Accept varied Part 3 sentences when the subject and verb agreement is correct for the named category.