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.	The chefs cook dinner.	AGREES	MISMATCH
2.	My brother play chess.	AGREES	MISMATCH
3.	The rabbits hops quickly.	AGREES	MISMATCH
4.	That machine makes noise.	AGREES	MISMATCH
5.	The dancers practice daily.	AGREES	MISMATCH
6.	A cloud drift across the sky.	AGREES	MISMATCH
7.	These flowers bloom in spring.	AGREES	MISMATCH
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.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

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

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. 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.