

Match It Right

Sort each sentence by its subject and verb match.

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

NAME _____

DATE _____

SUBJECT AND VERB MATCH

The verb matches the subject. A singular subject takes a singular verb, and a plural subject takes a plural verb.

Each comet streaks across space.

SUBJECT AND VERB MISMATCH

The verb does not match the subject. Change the verb so it fits a singular or plural subject.

Several pilots flies safely.

1 SORT

8 items

For each sentence, circle AGREE or MISMATCH, then choose two sentences and explain how the subject and verb match or do not match.

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| 1. The rabbit hops over a log. | ☐ AGREE | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 2. My cousins visit on Saturday. | ☐ AGREE | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 3. The noisy clocks ticks all night. | ☐ AGREE | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 4. A basket of peaches sits on the counter. | ☐ AGREE | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 5. The players on the field run drills. | ☐ AGREE | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 6. That pair of boots are muddy. | ☐ AGREE | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 7. The tallest tree grow near the pond. | ☐ AGREE | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 8. Our neighbor brings fresh bread. | ☐ AGREE | ☐ 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 _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new sentence with an AGREE subject and verb and one new sentence with a MISMATCH subject and verb.

AGREE _____

MISMATCH _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one MISMATCH sentence, rewrite it correctly, and explain the change.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The rabbit hops over a log.	AGREE	The singular subject rabbit matches the singular verb hops.
2	My cousins visit on Saturday.	AGREE	The plural subject cousins matches the plural verb visit.
3	The noisy clocks ticks all night.	MISMATCH	The plural subject clocks needs the verb tick.
4	A basket of peaches sits on the counter.	AGREE	The subject is basket, which is singular, so sits is correct.
5	The players on the field run drills.	AGREE	The plural subject players matches the plural verb run.
6	That pair of boots are muddy.	MISMATCH	The subject pair is singular and needs is, not are.
7	The tallest tree grow near the pond.	MISMATCH	The singular subject tree needs the verb grows.
8	Our neighbor brings fresh bread.	AGREE	The singular subject neighbor matches the singular verb 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)

- **AGREE:** The lantern shines beside the path.
- **MISMATCH:** Several puppies chases a ball.

Challenge: The tallest tree grows near the pond. I changed grow to grows because tree is singular.

For Part 2, students should name the subject and tell whether it is singular or plural. Accept different correct student-created sentences for Part 3.