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."

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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.

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** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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.

ANSWER KEY

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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.

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 tell whether it is singular or plural. Accept different correct student-created sentences for Part 3.