Verb Match Mission

Sort sentences by subject-verb agreement.

7.LU.1.D "Arrange phrases and clauses within a sentence and apply appropriate subject-verb agreement to improve meaning, reader/listener interest, and style in writing."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SUBJECT AND VERB MATCH

The verb agrees with its subject. A singular subject takes a singular verb, and a plural subject takes a plural verb.

A jar of buttons rests beside the lamp.

SUBJECT AND VERB NEED A FIX

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

The birds in the aviary chirps at dawn.

1 SORT

8 items

For each sentence, circle MATCHES or FIX, then choose two items and name the subject and verb to explain your choices.

1. The basket of ripe peaches sits near the window. MATCHES FIX

2. The students in the art club prepare posters. MATCHES FIX

3. The stack of old magazines were dusty. MATCHES FIX

4. Before sunrise, the campers pack their supplies. MATCHES FIX

5. The sound of the drums echo across the field. MATCHES FIX

6. The tiny lights on the porch shines at night. MATCHES FIX

7. My cousin and her friend are planning a picnic. MATCHES FIX

8. Each of the players brings a water bottle. 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 whose subject and verb MATCHES, then write one new sentence that needs a FIX.

MATCHES _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Rewrite this sentence so the opening phrase clearly describes the correct subject and the verb agrees:
Walking through the museum, the paintings was admired by Lena.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The basket of ripe peaches sits near the window.	**MATCHES**	The singular subject basket matches the singular verb sits.
2	The students in the art club prepare posters.	**MATCHES**	The plural subject students matches the plural verb prepare.
3	The stack of old magazines were dusty.	**FIX**	The singular subject stack needs the singular verb was.
4	Before sunrise, the campers pack their supplies.	**MATCHES**	The plural subject campers matches the plural verb pack.
5	The sound of the drums echo across the field.	**FIX**	The singular subject sound needs the singular verb echoes.
6	The tiny lights on the porch shines at night.	**FIX**	The plural subject lights needs the plural verb shine.
7	My cousin and her friend are planning a picnic.	**MATCHES**	The compound subject cousin and friend matches the plural verb are.
8	Each of the players brings a water bottle.	**MATCHES**	The singular subject each 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)

- **MATCHES**: The package of books arrives tomorrow.
- **FIX**: The boxes in the hallway blocks the door.

Challenge: Walking through the museum, Lena admired the paintings.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly identify the subject and verb and explain whether they agree. In the challenge, look for Lena as the person walking and a verb that agrees with Lena.