

Subject-Verb Agreement

A Project LA Activity



Basic Rule

- **Singular subjects** need **singular verbs.**
- **Plural subjects** need **plural verbs.**

" I
KNEW
THAT "

These create problems:

- Pronouns such as everyone and everybody seem plural, but they are always **singular** — so they need a singular verb.

1. **Everyone** who worked on the science project **is** a winner.



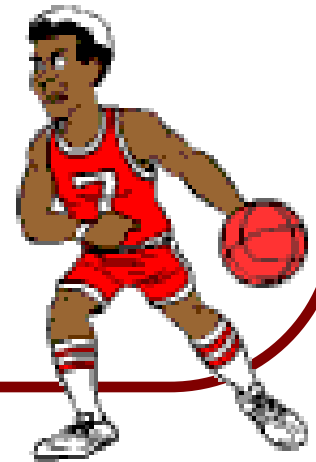
2. **Someone has** to answer the phone.



These create problems:

- **Phrases** that come between the subject pronoun and its verb —may contain plural words and confuse.

Each **of the basketball players** is excited about tonight's game.



These create problems:

- Verbs that accompany pronouns such as *all* and *some* will be determined by whether the pronoun is referring to something that is **COUNTABLE** or not.

1. **Some** of the workers on the building **have** left for the day.

You could count the workers.

These create problems:

- Verbs that accompany pronouns such as *all* and *some* will be determined by whether the pronoun is referring to something that is **COUNTABLE** or not.

1. **Some** of the salt **was** spilled on the floor.

Salt is considered one lump item.

These create problems:

Phrases such as *together with*, *along with*, and *as well as* seem to combine subjects, but they do not .

Some of the **tile** in our room, as well as the hall, **was** soaked.

The major **problem** we had, together with that of our teacher, **was** tardiness.

Don't be fooled
by extra phrases!

These create problems:

When *either* and *neither* appear as a subject alone (without the words *or* and *nor*), they are singular.

1. **Either** of those answers **seems** to be right.

2. You can have the bed by the window or the one by the door.

Either is okay with me.

Seems like plural things!

These create problems:

The words **there** and **here** are never subjects.

1. Here **are** the **papers** you gave me.

2. Here **is** my **answer**.

Here is *not* the subject.

Let's Try These!

Directions: If the subject and verb are in agreement click "correct." If they are not, click the word that is the correct answer.

Ready?



Bill am going to the store.

a) correct

b) is

c) was

d) were

e) does



Oh No!

The subject
and verb are
not in
agreement.

Click [HERE](#) to
try again.



CORRECT!

The subject
and verb are
in agreement.

Click **HERE** to
move **forward.**



The teachers are going to the movie.

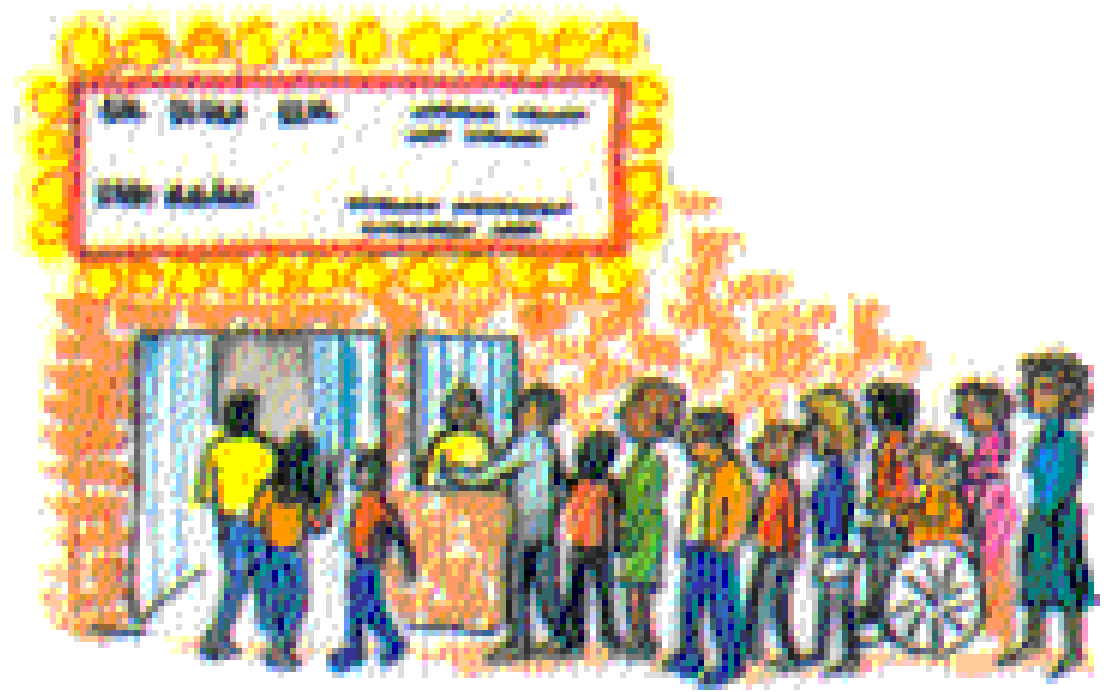
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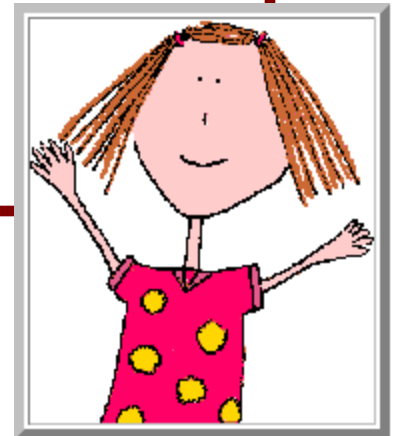
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This are going to be the easiest quiz of all time.

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b) is

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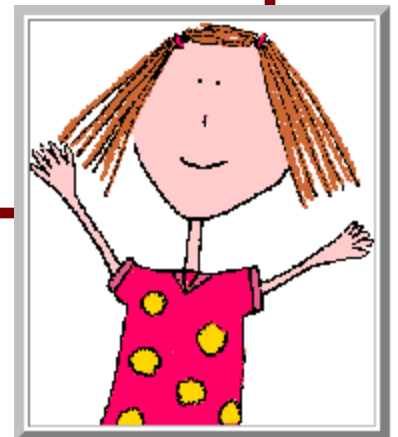
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Everyone at the movie is taking a dollar.

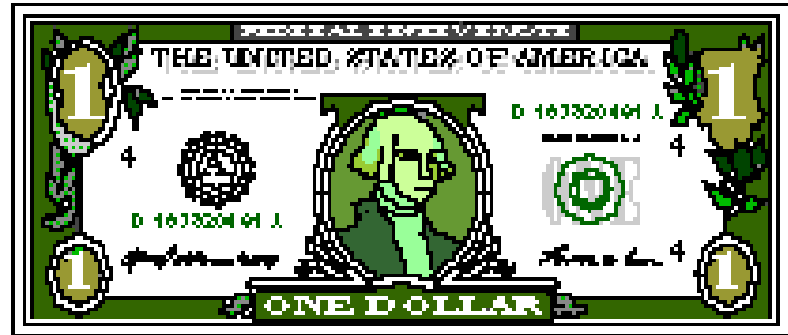
a) correct

b) were

c) am

d) are

e) when



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This is a fun book to read.

a) correct

b) was

c) were

d) am

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One time I were at the mountains.

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b) was

c) is

d) am

e) does



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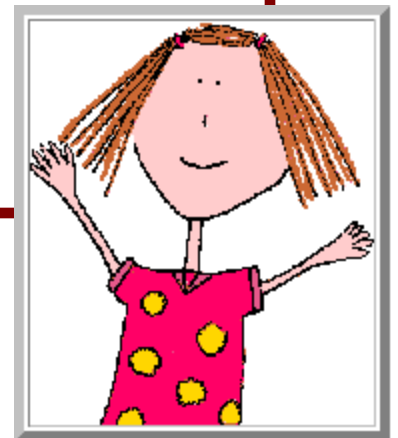
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Everyone are going to the circus.

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d) is

e) does



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Each of the students are worried about the test.

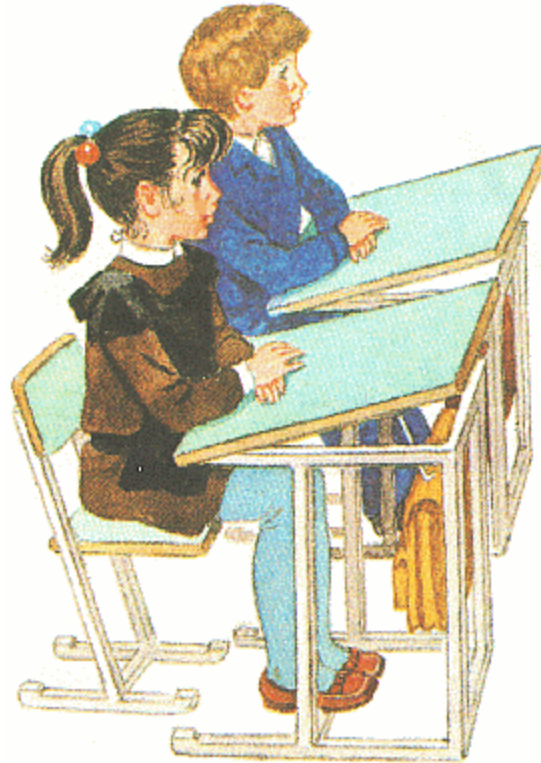
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c) is

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None of those girls go to church.

a) correct

b) goes

c) are

d) were

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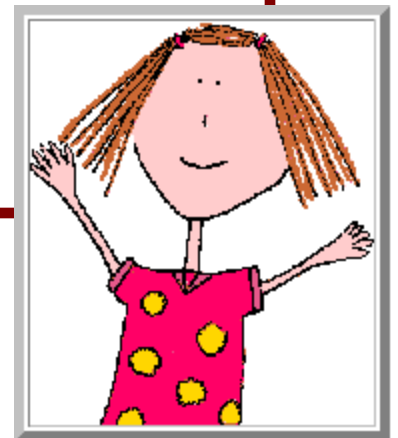
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The last book we read, as well as the five in the library, was fiction.

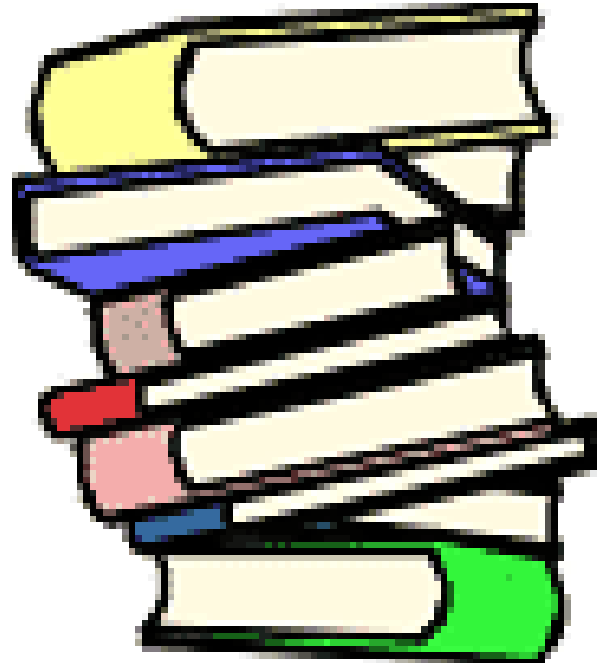
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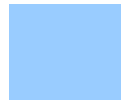
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Cats Game



Subject-Verb Quiz 1



Subject-Verb Quiz 2



Subject-Verb Quiz 3



Subject-Verb Quiz 4



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Quiz Show