

International Indian School Buraidah

Worksheet for the Academic Year 2025-26

CLASS: X

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

Subject Verb Concord – Subject Verb Concord or Subject Verb Agreement means that the number and person of the subject must agree with the verb in any given sentence. **This agreement of the subject and the verb is called Concord.**

Subject-Verb Agreement: Rules and Exceptions

1. Singular Subjects and Singular Verbs

- **Rule:** When the subject of the sentence is singular, the verb must also be singular.

Examples:

- The **cat sleeps** on the rug.
- **He enjoys** playing the guitar.
- **My friend lives** in a small town.

2. Plural Subjects and Plural Verbs

- **Rule:** When the subject of the sentence is plural, the verb must also be plural.

Examples:

- The **cats sleep** on the rug.
- **They enjoy** playing the guitar.
- **My friends live** in different cities.

3. Compound Subjects Joined by "and"

- **Rule:** When two or more subjects are joined by "and," the verb is usually plural.

Examples:

- **John and Mary are** going to the movies.
- **The dog and the cat play** together.

4. Compound Subjects Joined by "or" or "nor"

- **Rule:** When two or more subjects are joined by "or" or "nor," the verb agrees with the subject closest to it.

Examples:

- **Neither the teacher nor the students are** present.
- **Either the boy or the girls have** the ball.

5. Indefinite Pronouns

- **Singular:** Each, every, neither, either, one, nobody, somebody, etc., take singular verbs.

Examples:

- ***Each** student **has** a book.
- ***Neither** of the options **is** correct.

- **Plural:** Both, few, many, several take plural verbs.

Examples:

- ***Many** students **have** passed the exam.
- ***Few** people **know** the answer.
- **Singular or Plural:** Some, all, most, none - the verb depends on the noun they refer to.
 - **Examples:**
 - ***Some** of the cake **is** missing. (referring to a portion of the cake)
 - ***Some** of the cakes **are** missing. (referring to multiple cakes)

6. Collective Nouns

- **Rule:**
 - When referring to the group as a single unit, use a singular verb.
 - When referring to individual members of the group, use a plural verb.
- **Examples:**
 - The **team wins** the championship. (The team as a whole)
 - The **team are** discussing their strategies. (Individual members of the team)

7. Phrases Between Subject and Verb

- **Rule:** Phrases or clauses coming between the subject and the verb do not affect the number of the subject.
- **Example:** "The **dog, who was sleeping on the porch, wakes** up suddenly."
 - "The dog" is the subject, and it's singular, so the verb should be "wakes."

8. Words That End in "-s"

- **Rule:** Some words that end in "-s" are actually singular (e.g., news, mathematics, physics, politics).
- **Example:** "**Mathematics is** my favorite subject."

9. Titles of Books, Movies, etc.

- **Rule:** Titles of books, movies, and other works of art are usually treated as singular.
- **Example:** "**The Lord of the Rings is** a famous trilogy."

10. "There is" and "There are"

- **Rule:** The verb in these constructions agrees with the noun that follows "there."
- **Examples:**
 - "**There is** a book on the table."
 - "**There are** many books on the table."

Exercise: 1

1. Complete the exclamation of a storekeeper by filling the blank with the correct form of the word in brackets.

One of the bundles of paper _____ (be) missing from the stock again, today!

Ans. One of the bundles of paper is missing from the stock again, today!

Here, "is" is the correct form because "one" is singular, so the verb must agree with it in number.

The verb "**be**" has different forms depending on the subject and tense. Here are the forms of "**be**":

2. Identify the error in the given opinion below and supply the correction.

The rise or control of artificial intelligence (AI) is impacting society, as a whole.

Error - _____; Correction - _____

Ans. Error - "The rise or control of artificial intelligence (AI) is impacting society, as a whole."

Correction - "The rise and control of artificial intelligence (AI) is impacting society as a whole."

Explanation: "or" should be replaced with "and" because the sentence implies both the rise and control of AI are impacting society, rather than one or the other.

3. Fill the blank with the correct option, about Girish's habit.

Girish, along with his father, _____ every official meeting.

A. attend

B. are attending

C. have attended

D. attends

Ans. The correct option is D. attends.

The sentence would read: "Girish, along with his father, attends every official meeting."

Explanation:

"Girish" is the subject of the sentence, and "along with his father" is a prepositional phrase that does not affect the verb. Since "Girish" is singular, the verb must also be singular, which is "attends."

4. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:

Dear Sir

This is with reference to committee's letter of recommendation that ___ (highlight) the nominations for 'Safe Residential Area' award for this current year.

Ans. highlights

Explanation: The sentence maintains proper subject-verb agreement, as "committee's letter" is singular.

Exercise: 2

Choose the right form of verb from the given options:

- 1) The pots on the table is/ are beautiful.
- 2) The detectives are/ is investigating the case.
- 3) One of the diamonds was/ were stolen.
- 4) A number of videos have/ has been deleted from the phone.
- 5) Two hundred rupees seem/ seems a fair price for 2 bricks of ice cream.
- 6) None of these flowers grow/ grows well inside the house.
- 7) Not everyone want/ wants to learn more and more.
- 8) Neither of these printer's work/ works properly.
- 9) Each of the employs is/ are going to get a trip as a gift.

- 10) Bread and eggs is/ are my favorite.
- 11) The style and color of trouser are/ is best for you.
- 12) One of you has/ have to take the responsibility of the kid.
- 13) What does/ do a pair of jeans cost?
- 14) Don't you think oil in America cost/ costs much less than in India.