

# Subject Verb Agreement

## QUICK REVIEW

Subject	Example	Form	Usage
<b>Compound Noun</b>	Bread and butter, Rice and dal	Singular	Bread and butter <i>is</i> what I have for my breakfast
	Jack and Jim, Cheese and Oregano,	Plural	Jack and Jim <i>are</i> friends
<b>Plural Nouns</b>	<i>A pair of Spectacles, A pair of pliers</i>	Singular	A pair of my pants <i>is</i> missing
	Spectacles, Scissors, Pliers, Tweezers, Pants, Trousers, Police	Plural	My pants <i>are</i> missing
<b>Collective nouns "UNISON"</b>	Committee, Orchestra, Band, Jury, Class, Crowd, Team	Singular	The jury <i>has</i> given its verdict
	<i>Members of the jury</i>	Plural	The members of the jury <i>have</i> given their verdicts
<b>Nouns ending with an 's'</b>	Measles, Mathematics, News, Aesthetics	Singular	Economics <i>is</i> an interesting subject
	Assets, Earnings	Plural	Economics of the project <i>are</i> very doubtful (Financial/ Economic situation)
<b>Uncountable Nouns</b>	Sand, Air, Water, Data (Datum), Information, Machinery	Singular	Information <i>is</i> processed data.
<b>Combined with Conjunctional phrases</b>	As well as, together with, along with, as long as, in addition to	Verb takes the form of the MAIN subject to it	<u>The politician</u> along with his party men <i>is</i> participating in a rally <u>The party men</u> along with their leader <i>are</i> participating in a rally
	Neither..nor, Either..or Conjunction 'Or ' also follows the same rule	Verb takes the form of the subject closest to it	Either his friends or <u>he</u> <i>is</i> to be present in the class. Either he or <u>his friends</u> <i>are</i> to be present in the class.
<b>Combined with Correlative conjunction "PROXIMITY RULE"</b>			

<b>Negative and Positive compounded subject</b>	A, not B	Verb takes the form of POSITIVE subject	It is the chairman, not the students, who <i>decides</i> the code of conduct The students, not the teacher, <i>are</i> worried about the CA
<b>Indefinite pronouns</b>	SANE (Someone/Somebody, Anyone, No one, Everyone)	Singular	Everyone in this session <i>is</i> receptive
	FABS (Few, All, Both, Several)	Plural	All of you <i>are</i> receptive
	None, Most, Some, Half of, x% of, a third of	Both	Some points of the lecture <i>are</i> interesting Some part of the lecture <i>is</i> interesting
<b>Infinitives and Gerunds</b>	To + Verb form is infinitive To sing, to dance, to cook, to read, to listen Verb + ing form is Gerund Singing, Dancing, Cooking	Singular	To sing <i>is</i> my passion Singing <i>is</i> my passion
		Plural (Compounded infinitives or gerunds)	To cook multiple cuisines and to play guitar <i>are</i> my hobbies Cooking multiple cuisines and playing guitar <i>are</i> my hobbies
<b>Measurements</b>	Time, Distance, Speed, Currency, Weight	Singular	Two days of off in the weekend <i>is</i> insufficient
			Ten kilos of rice <i>is</i> required to cook for fifty people
			1000 kilometers <i>is</i> a very long distance