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Agreement in English Sentences

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Things to notice ...

- Sentences end with a full stops.
- All sentences will have subjects and predicates.
- Order of words in a sentence
 - [[Subject] [verb object adverbs]]
- **Subject and verb in predicate agree with each other.**

Please observe ...

- John like pizza.

- I likes pizza.

I **are** a doctor.

- We likes pizza.

We **is** a doctor.

- They likes pizza.

They **is** teachers.

Subjects and Predicates in Sentences

- John love^s Mary.
- I like⁰ pizza.
- We like⁰ pizza.
- John like^s pizza with his friends.
- John and Mary⁰ like pizza.

Imperative Sentences

- (You) come here.
- (You) sit down.
- (You) drink a glass of water.

Agreement in English

- Something between the subject and the verb in predicate is obvious.
- This is called agreement.
- How does this work.

- Number SINGULAR PLURAL
- Person FIRST SECOND THIRD

Number and Person in Agreement

Number	→	Singular	Plural
Person	↓		
• I		I	We
• II		You	You
• II		He, She, It	They

Examples:

- I **am/was** a doctor.
- We **are/were** students.
- You **are/were** a teacher.
- He/She **is/was** a teacher.
- They **are/were** teachers.

I like-**0** pizza.

We like-**0** pizza

You like-**0** pizza.

He like-**s** pizza

They like-**0** pizza.

More on agreement in English ...

1. Rekha and her brothers (is, **are**) in Delhi.
2. Either my mother or my father (**is**, are) coming to the meeting.
3. The dog or the cats (is, **are**) outside.
4. Either my shoes or my coat (**is**, are) always on the floor.
5. Rekha and Amala (doesn't, **don't**) want to see that movie.

6. Rekha (**doesn't**, don't) know the answer.

7. One of my sisters (**is**, are) going on a trip to France.

8. The man with all the birds (live, **lives**) on my street.

9. The movie, including all the previews, (take, **takes**) about two hours to watch.

10. The players, as well as the captain, (**want**, wants) to win.