Verb Forms, Tense & Agreement

## Form, Structure and Sense

# Lesson Information

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| ID | lesson\_04 |
| Level | Foundation |
| Duration | 25-30 min |
| Skill Codes | FSS |
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# Learning Objectives

* Master subject-verb agreement in complex situations
* Use verb tenses consistently and correctly
* Handle tricky agreement scenarios with collective nouns
* Apply verb rules to challenging SAT Writing questions

# Success Criteria

Mastery Threshold: 0.75

Minimum Accuracy: 0.7

Required Slides: all

# Lesson Slides

## Slide 1: Welcome to Verb Mastery

ID: slide\_01

Type: introduction

Duration: 180 seconds

### Learning Objectives

Verbs are the engines of sentences - they drive action and show time. Mastering verb agreement and tense will make your writing powerful and clear.

#### Key Points

* Conquer subject-verb agreement in complex sentences
* Master consistent verb tense usage
* Handle tricky situations with collective nouns and phrases
* Apply verb strategies to boost SAT Writing performance

## Slide 2: Subject-Verb Agreement Basics

ID: slide\_02

Type: concept\_teaching

Duration: 240 seconds

### The Fundamental Rule

Subjects and verbs must agree in number: singular subjects take singular verbs, plural subjects take plural verbs.

#### Concept: Agreement Rules

* 👤 \*\*Singular subject\*\* → singular verb (The student studies)
* 👥 \*\*Plural subject\*\* → plural verb (The students study)
* 🎯 \*\*Find the real subject\*\* - ignore distractors between subject and verb
* ⚠️ \*\*Watch prepositional phrases\*\* - they don't change the subject

## Slide 3: The FIND Method for Agreement

ID: slide\_03

Type: strategy\_teaching

Duration: 300 seconds

### Strategy: Never Miss Agreement Again

#### Strategy Steps

**Step 1: FIND the verb**

Locate the action or state of being word

Example: The team of players (practices/practice) daily → Verb: practices or practice?

**Step 2: IDENTIFY the subject**

Ask 'who or what' performs the action

Example: What practices? The team → Subject: team (singular)

**Step 3: NARROW down distractors**

Cross out prepositional phrases and interrupting words

Example: The team [of players] practices → Clear subject-verb pair

**Step 4: DECIDE on agreement**

Match singular subject with singular verb

Example: Team (singular) practices (singular) ✓

## Slide 4: Tricky Agreement Situations

ID: slide\_04

Type: concept\_teaching

Duration: 300 seconds

### SAT Favorites: Common Tricks

The SAT loves to test agreement in these challenging scenarios. Master them and you'll ace every verb question!

#### Concept: Watch Out For These

* 👥 \*\*Collective nouns\*\* - Usually singular (The team wins, The family agrees)
* 📋 \*\*Either/or, Neither/nor\*\* - Agrees with the closest subject
* 🔄 \*\*There is/are\*\* - Real subject comes after the verb
* ➕ \*\*Along with, as well as\*\* - Don't make subjects plural

## Slide 5: Guided Practice: Complex Agreement

ID: slide\_05

Type: guided\_example

Duration: 360 seconds

### Let's Solve These Together

## Slide 6: Verb Tense Consistency

ID: slide\_06

Type: concept\_teaching

Duration: 280 seconds

### Keeping Time Straight

Consistent verb tense helps readers follow your timeline. Unnecessary shifts confuse and distract from your message.

#### Concept: Tense Consistency Rules

* ⏰ \*\*Stay in one time frame\*\* unless logic requires a shift
* 📖 \*\*Match the context\*\* - past events use past tense throughout
* 🔄 \*\*Signal time changes\*\* with words like 'now,' 'then,' 'currently'
* ✅ \*\*Check for logic\*\* - does the timeline make sense?

## Slide 7: Your Turn: Verb Challenge

ID: slide\_07

Type: independent\_practice

Duration: 300 seconds

### Independent Practice

## Slide 8: Key Takeaways

ID: slide\_08

Type: concept\_reinforcement

Duration: 180 seconds

### Verb Mastery Summary

## Slide 9: Mastery Check

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Type: mastery\_check

Duration: 240 seconds

### Final Assessment