

Class_6 Grammar

Chapter_ 16 (Subject_Verb Agreement)

The rule of subject _ verb agreement is that a singular subject is followed by a singular verb and a plural subject needs a plural verb. It is also known as the subject_ verb Concord.

Examples_

A child **likes** chocolate.

Children **like** chocolate.

I **am** an Indian.

We **are** Indians.

Ram **plays** football every evening.

Subhash and Ali **plays** football every evening.

Apart from the main rule mentioned above, there are a few more rules according to which subjects and verbs agree.

* We use a plural verb when two or more subjects are connected by **and**.

Example_

Ganesh **and** Geeta **are** cousins.

Discipline, hard work **and** faith in oneself **give** us success.

* Two singular subjects connected by **or** require a singular verb.

Example_

The milkman **or** the gardener **rings** the doorbell first.

Sugar **or** jaggery **is** used as the sweetener in this dish.

* If there are expression with **along with, as well as, besides or not** following the subject, the verb always agrees with the subject only.

Example_

Sarika , along with her cousins, **is** coming to our house this weekend.

The ministers, not the president, **are** responsible for the crisis.

* Two singular subjects connected by either..or or neither...nor require a singular subject.

Example_ Either Malti or Yasmin **has** won it.

Neither Dipak nor Yasmin **has** won the gold medal.

* Singular verbs are used for the pronouns each, everyone, everybody, anyone, anybody, someone, and somebody.

Example_

Each of us **is** a trained cook.

Everyone **is** invited to the programme.

* Some sentences begin with there or here. In these sentences the subject comes after the verb. In such sentences too the verb agrees with the subject

Example_

Here **is** a rabbit.

Here **are** a few rabbits.

There **are** five girls in this room.

There **is** one girl behind the door.

Exercise_1. Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

Ans.

1. Arnab **is** a clever boy. (is/are)
2. These painters **were** the best-known artists of Orissa. (Was/were)
3. Both the sailors **were** drunk. (Was/were)
4. Some stars in the sky **shine** more brightly than others. (Shine/ shines)
5. Kiran as well as Ajit **have** a sports bicycle. (have/ has)
6. Neither Neeraj nor his sister **plan** to buy a new house. (Plan/plans)
7. There **are** some flowers in the basket. (are/is)
8. Either Amar or Sandeep **is** sleeping in the car. (are/is)
9. Everyone **has** got a seat. (Have/has)
10. Suman along with her friends **is** going to Colombo. (Is/are)

