

Unit 7: Subject-Verb Agreement

Lesson 44 Subject-Verb Agreement

Each subject agrees with its verb in person, number, and tense. In the present tense, add -s or -es to the base form of the main verb if needed.

Subject <u>she</u>	Verb <u>is</u>
She <u>is</u> <u>happy</u> .	She <u>is</u> <u>happy</u> .
He <u>is</u> <u>happy</u> .	He <u>is</u> <u>happy</u> .

In each exercise, the helping verbs be, do, and have agree with the main verb in person and number.

Subject <u>she</u>	Verb <u>is</u>
It <u>is</u> <u>green</u> .	They <u>are</u> <u>happy</u> .
He <u>is</u> <u>not</u> <u>old</u> .	They <u>are</u> <u>not</u> <u>old</u> .
She <u>is</u> <u>not</u> <u>old</u> .	They <u>are</u> <u>not</u> <u>old</u> .
He <u>has</u> <u>fallen</u> <u>down</u> .	They <u>have</u> <u>fallen</u> <u>down</u> .
How <u>are</u> <u>the</u> <u>cars</u> ?	Do <u>the</u> <u>cars</u> <u>run</u> ?

Exercise 1: Underline the verb in parentheses that agrees with the subject.

Write *present* or *past* if you disagree with the verb.

1. Giovanni understand (understand) English. (verb) present is not right.
2. The scientist is (understand) the problem. (verb) present is right.
3. Giovanni has (know) learn French. (verb) present is not right.
4. The scientist's research is (know) the problem. (verb) present is right.
5. Giovanni is (not) right about understanding science.
6. Scientists are (know) understanding a lot. (verb) present is not right.
7. Giovanni is (not) right about understanding the problem together.
8. How are (not) the cars run? (verb) present is not right.
9. Giovanni has (know) understanding the problem together together.
10. How are (not) the cars run? (verb) present is not right.
11. How are (not) the cars run? (verb) present is not right.
12. The car is (not) run together. (verb) present is not right.

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