

The 10 Rules of Subject Verb Agreement in Standard English

1. Subjects and verbs must agree in number, that is the concept of one that forms the foundation of the concept.

- The singular number is one.
- The plural number is more than one.
- Singular words are: dog, cat, boy, girl, person, man, woman, child, student, teacher, car, house, tree, flower, bird, fish, insect, planet, star, moon, year, day, week, month, season, century, millennium, hour, minute, second.

2. Verbs are affected by the number that come between the subject and verb, that is the subject-verb agreement.

- The verb, including auxiliary verbs, is plural when used with a plural subject.
- The subject, which comes first, affects the verb that follows.

3. Singular subjects have singular verbs, and plural subjects have plural verbs.

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