

SUBJECT–VERB AGREEMENT Class 8 English Grammar Worksheet

Name: _____ Class/Section: _____ Date: _____

Learning Goal

Choose and use verbs that agree correctly with their subjects in number and person.

A. Choose the Correct Verb

Choose the correct option.

1. Neither the teacher nor the students (**was** / **were**) ready for the surprise test.
2. The bouquet of roses (**smell** / **smells**) wonderful.
3. Each of the players (**has** / **have**) received a certificate.
4. Mathematics (**is** / **are**) my favourite subject.
5. The captain, along with his teammates, (**is** / **are**) attending the ceremony.
6. Ten kilometres (**is** / **are**) a long distance to walk.

B. Identify and Correct the Error

Each sentence contains an error in subject–verb agreement. Rewrite it correctly.

1. The list of items are on the notice board.

2. Neither Rohan nor his friends was willing to apologise.

3. The news from the neighbouring village were shocking.

4. One of my cousins live in Mumbai.

5. The quality of these shoes have improved considerably.

C. Complete the Sentences

Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. Neither of the two answers _____ correct. (*seem*)
2. A pair of spectacles _____ lying on the table. (*be*)
3. The players as well as their coach _____ practising every morning. (*be*)
4. There _____ several reasons for her decision. (*be*)
5. Everyone in the audience _____ the magician's performance. (*enjoy*)

D. Find the Subject

Underline the **subject** of each sentence and circle the verb that agrees with it.

1. The box of old photographs **was** / **were** found in the attic.
2. My brother and his best friend **plays** / **play** chess every evening.
3. The collection of rare stamps **belongs** / **belong** to my grandfather.
4. Each of these paintings **has** / **have** a fascinating story behind it.

E. Choose the Sentence That Is Correct

Tick (✓) the grammatically correct sentence.

1. ☐ A group of tourists are waiting outside.
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2. ☐ Neither the players nor the coach was satisfied.
☐ Neither the players nor the coach were satisfied.
3. ☐ The scissors is on the desk.
☐ The scissors are on the desk.
4. ☐ My family is planning a trip to Jaipur.
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F. Editing Challenge

The paragraph below contains **five subject–verb agreement errors**. Identify and correct them.

Our school library have recently added several new books. A number of students is excited about the new collection. The librarian, along with two assistants, check the books every afternoon. Each student are allowed to borrow two books at a time. There is also several magazines available for students to read.

Corrected paragraph:

G. Meaning Matters

In each pair, choose the verb that makes the sentence grammatically correct **and explain why**.

1. The number of participants (**has** / **have**) increased this year.
Why? _____

2. A number of participants (**has / have**) arrived early.
Why? _____
3. Neither the principal nor the teachers (**was / were**) available.
Why? _____

H. Rewrite Without Changing the Meaning

Rewrite each sentence using the word(s) given in brackets. Make sure the subject and verb agree.

1. Every student has submitted the project.
(*All the students*)

2. The boys are responsible for cleaning the classroom.
(*Each of the boys*)

3. Neither answer is suitable.
(*Neither of the answers*)

I. Application-Based Question

Read the notice below.

NOTICE

The members of the Eco Club is organising a cleanliness drive on Saturday. Each of the volunteers are requested to bring a pair of gloves. A number of students has already registered for the event.

The notice contains **three subject–verb agreement errors**.

1. Identify the three errors.
2. Correct them.
3. Rewrite the notice correctly.

J.

Correct the sentence **only if it is wrong**. If it is already correct, write “**Correct.**”

Neither the principal nor the teachers are aware that the list of selected students has been displayed on the notice board.

Explain your answer:
