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Subject and Verb Agreement

Focus

The verb form used in a sentence must agree with the subject in number.

- Add -s or -es to present tense verbs when they are singular.
- Do not add -s or -es to present tense verbs when they are plural or used with *I* or *you*.
- A compound subject—two or more subjects connected by *and*—uses the plural form of the verb.
- When an indefinite pronoun is used, the verb must agree with the pronoun in number.
- He **waits** at the table for his lunch.
- They **wait** at the table. I **wait** at the table. You **wait** at the table.
- Carmen and Yoshi **eat** in the cafeteria.
- Everybody **eats** in the cafeteria. A few people **eat** in the cafeteria.

Practice

Underline the correct verb.

1. The wind (is, are) blowing hard.
2. Frank and Tonya (wins, win) the prize.
3. Computers (does, do) many things in an instant.
4. Barbara and Heather (tries, try) to run to Mick.
5. At the end of the story, Heather (was, were) very sick.