

Help Me!!!!!! My subjects and verbs must AGREE!

(1) Notes: When your subject is singular, your verb must be singular (with an “s”)

During the morning times, Sam (walk, walks) his two Chihuahuas.

(2) Notes: When your subject is plural, your verb must be plural (without an “s”)

The players (practice, practices) for tomorrow’s championship game.

(3) Notes: Your subject will NEVER be in a prepositional phrase...always cross it out!

One of the boxes (belong, belongs) to my sister.

(4) Notes: A compound subject joined by the conjunction (and) calls for a plural verb (without an “s”)

The coaches and players (celebrate, celebrates) their victory.

(5) Notes: When a compound subject is joined by the words (or) or (nor), you go by the subject CLOSEST to the verb.

Neither the teachers nor principal (is, are) present.

Subject-Verb Agreement and Indefinite Pronouns

Indefinite pronouns can be tricky. They come singular, plural, & both.

Singular Indefinite Pronouns	Plural Indefinite Pronouns	Singular & Plural Indefinite Pronouns <i>(Depends on its antecedent)</i>
EACH anybody everybody somebody nobody anyone everyone someone no one anything everything something nothing	many few both	all some most none

(6) If your indefinite pronoun is singular, you choose the singular verb (with an 's') and every word that's referring to the pronoun must be singular too.

Each of the girls (comb, combs) (her, their) hair before leaving.

(7) If your indefinite pronoun is plural, you choose the plural verb (without an 's') and every word that's referring to the pronoun must be plural too.

Both of the girls (comb, combs) (her, their) hair before leaving.

(8) If your indefinite pronoun can be singular or plural, then you look at what it's referring to (its antecedent) to determine if it's singular and plural. Then, you choose the verb that agrees.

All of the pie (is, are) gone. All of the cookies (is, are) gone.