



Making verbs agree with their subjects

What are verbs and subjects?

Verbs are action words. For example:

eat, sleep, talk, walk, do, buy are all verbs.

Subjects are the person or thing who are doing the action of the verb. For example:

I eat. The dog sleeps. George talks a lot. They walk to work.

The subject of a sentence can be **singular (one)** or **plural (many)**. For example:

*The **computer** is old. (singular)*
*The **computers** are old. (plural)*

What is verb-subject agreement?

The verb form can **change** depending on whether the subject is singular or plural. For example:

*The **car park** (singular subject) **was** (verb) full.*
*The **car parks** (plural subject) **were** (verb) full.*

In these sentences each of the verbs **agrees** with its subject. The correct verb form has been used.

The verb **must** always agree with its subject.

single subject = single verb
 plural subject = plural verb

How does verb-subject agreement work?

In regular verbs:

	<i>singular</i>	<i>plural</i>
First person	I like bananas.	We like bananas.
Second person	you like bananas.	you like bananas.
Third person	he/she/it likes bananas.	they like bananas.