Subject–Verb Agreement

Grades 3–5
Making subjects and verbs agree

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The subject and verb in a sentence must agree. A singular subject (one) usually takes a verb ending in -s: The dog barks. A plural subject (more than one) usually does not: The dogs bark. Choose the correct verb and write it on the line.

Sentence	Correct verb
The dog (bark / barks) at night.	
My friends (play / plays) chess.	
She (walk / walks) to school.	
The children (laugh / laughs).	
Each student (has / have) a pencil.	
The flowers (grow / grows) fast.	
He (doesn’t / don’t) like peas.	
My brother and I (watch / watches) TV.	
The team (is / are) ready.	
Everyone (want / wants) a turn.	

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Teaching note: words such as each, everyone, and team are treated as singular. Two subjects joined by and are plural.

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The dog (bark / barks) at night.	**barks**
My friends (play / plays) chess.	**play**
She (walk / walks) to school.	**walks**
The children (laugh / laughs).	**laugh**
Each student (has / have) a pencil.	**has**
The flowers (grow / grows) fast.	**grow**
He (doesn’t / don’t) like peas.	**doesn’t**
My brother and I (watch / watches) TV.	**watch**
The team (is / are) ready.	**is**
Everyone (want / wants) a turn.	**wants**

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