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SUBJECT VERB AGREEMENT

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Lesson Objectives

- To understand subject verb agreement (SVA)
- To apply SVA in writing sentences

What is Subject-Verb Agreement?

- It is an 'agreement' or 'contract' between subject and verb.
- Singular subject **MUST AGREE** with singular verb.
- Plural subject **MUST AGREE** with plural verb.

What does it mean by singular subject or singular verb?

- Singular subject means any noun or pronoun that denotes one thing, person. Relating to a single object/idea.
- This subject also applies to uncountable noun – something that cannot be counted with numbers or very small amount or abstract ideas or qualities.
- Singular verb means add suffix 's' to the main verb. For example, take 'he' as singular subject, 'eats' is the singular verb.

Examples

Singular subject:

He eats a book.

Subject :	Main Verb:	Object
one person	read + 's'	

Plural subject:

They read a book.

Subject :	Main Verb:	Object
more than one person	read	

Rules of Subject-Verb Agreement

