

Subject-Verb Agreement

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A verb describes an action or a state of being. This action is performed by a subject (A Noun or a Pronoun) or the state of being is that of a subject. Hence, **a verb must always agree with its subject**, in person (First, Second and Third) and in number (Singular and Plural).

The following tables show the subject-verb agreement according to person and number:

<i>For the singular first person personal pronoun</i>		<i>For the plural first person personal pronoun</i>	
Subject	Verb	Subject	Verb
I	Am	We	Are
I	Was	We	Were
I	Do	We	Do
I	Did	We	Did
I	Have	We	Have
I	Had	We	Had

I	Play	We	Play
I	Played	We	Played
<i>For the singular second person personal pronoun</i>		<i>For the plural second person personal pronoun</i>	
Subject	Verb	Subject	Verb
You	Are	You	Are
You	Were	You	Were
You	Do	You	Do
You	Did	You	Did
You	Have	You	Have
You	Had	You	Had
You	Play	You	Play

You	Played	You	Played
<i>For the singular third person personal pronouns</i>		<i>For the plural third person personal pronoun</i>	
Subject	Verb	Subject	Verb
He/She/It	Is	They	Are
He/She/It	Was	They	Were
He/She/It	Does	They	Do
He/She/It	Did	They	Did
He/She/It	Has	They	Have
He/She/It	Had	They	Had
He/She/It	Plays	They	Play
He/She/It	Played	They	Played

Use the same rules for uncountable nouns and singular countable nouns

Use the same rules for plural countable nouns

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