

Subject-Verb Agreement Worksheet

Making the verb match the person or thing doing it.

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Third-person -s and is/are by about 4

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English verbs change shape depending on who is doing them. One dog barks; two dogs bark. I am, you are, he is. This shows up in four main places: the third-person -s ending ("she runs"), the be verbs (am, is, are, was, were), the have verbs (has, have), and the do verbs (does, do).

What to expect: Third-person -s is one of the later grammatical endings to arrive and one of the first to disappear when a child is tired or working hard on something else. Errors like "he run" and "they was" are typical up to about 4;6. Because these forms are unstressed and quick, they are also frequently affected by hearing loss or fluctuating ear infections - worth ruling out.

Adding -s to the Verb

Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb.

1. The dog ____ at the mailman. (bark)
2. The dogs ____ at the mailman. (bark)
3. My sister ____ to school. (walk)
4. My sisters ____ to school. (walk)
5. The bird ____ in the tree. (sing)
6. The birds ____ in the tree. (sing)
7. He ____ his lunch every day. (eat)
8. They ____ lunch every day. (eat)
9. The baby ____ when she is hungry. (cry)
10. The babies ____ when they are hungry. (cry)

11. A cat ____ on the fence. (jump)
12. Two cats ____ on the fence. (jump)

Is or Are? Was or Were?

Choose the be verb that matches the subject.

13. The cookie ____ warm.
14. The cookies ____ warm.
15. My friend ____ at the door.
16. My friends ____ at the door.
17. I ____ ready to go.
18. You ____ my best friend.
19. Yesterday the park ____ crowded.
20. Yesterday the stores ____ crowded.
21. The puppy ____ sleeping this morning.
22. The puppies ____ sleeping this morning.
23. She ____ happy about the surprise.
24. We ____ happy about the surprise.

Has or Have? Does or Do?

Choose the verb that matches the subject.

25. She ____ a new bike.
26. They ____ new bikes.
27. The school ____ a big playground.
28. The schools ____ big playgrounds.

29. I ____ two brothers.
30. He ____ one sister.
31. ____ the dog want a treat?
32. ____ the dogs want treats?
33. ____ you like ice cream?
34. ____ she like ice cream?
35. The store ____ not open on Sunday.
36. The stores ____ not open on Sunday.

Answer Key

Adding -s to the Verb

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| 1. barks | 7. eats |
| 2. bark | 8. eat |
| 3. walks | 9. cries |
| 4. walk | 10. cry |
| 5. sings | 11. jumps |
| 6. sing | 12. jump |

Is or Are? Was or Were?

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| 13. is | 19. was |
| 14. are | 20. were |
| 15. is | 21. was |
| 16. are | 22. were |
| 17. am | 23. was |
| 18. are | 24. were |

Has or Have? Does or Do?

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| 25. has | 31. Does |
| 26. have | 32. Do |
| 27. has | 33. Do |
| 28. have | 34. Does |
| 29. have | 35. does |
| 30. has | 36. do |