

## Subject/Verb Agreement

Holt Grammar book- page 155

When a word refers to one person, place, thing, or idea it is Singular.

When a word refers to more than one person, place, thing or idea it is plural.

Example from green box: singular = egg plural = eggs

**Agreement of Subject and Verb -page 156**

8B. A verb should agree in number w/ its subject

Singular subjects take Singular Subjects

Remember singular verbs end in S

Example:

$\begin{matrix} S & & V \\ \text{The car} & \text{comes to a sudden stop.} \end{matrix}$

8B #2- page 157 Plural subjects take plural verbs

Example: The dolphins leap playfully in the channel.

**Problems in Agreement- Page 158**

8C. The number of a subject is not changed by a phrase or clause

Example:  $\begin{matrix} S & & V \\ \text{The lights on the Christmas tree} & \text{create a festive atmosphere.} \end{matrix}$

\*\*Remember the subject of a sentence is never in a prepositional phrase. \*\*

Exercise 4- page 159 (DO NUMBERS 1-5. Write out the subject and the verb.

1. launch attracts
2. themes is
3. collection is
4. People ~~observe~~ observe
5. children need

**Indefinite Pronouns- Page 160**

Personal pronouns refer to specific people, places, things, or ideas.

Some pronouns do not refer to a definite person, place, thing, or idea, and are therefore called indefinite pronouns.

Review the list of indefinite pronouns from 8D, 8E, and 8F. Reminder you already have a chart containing these from the pronoun/antecedent skill work.

Exercise 5- page 161 (DO NUMBERS 1-5. Write out the subject and the verb.

1. All have
2. Everyone likes
3. Both celebrate
4. Some is
5. One bloom

8G: Subjects joined by and usually take a plural verb.

Examples: Antonio Brico and Sarah Caldwell are famous conductors.

A compound subject that names only one person or thing takes a Singular Verb

Example: The Secretary and treasurer of the Science club is here.

Exercise 6- Pages 163-164 (DO NUMBERS 1-5. Write out the subjects and the verb.

1. March <sup>is</sup> April - is
2. Mechanic; shop owner - is
3. Martina Hingis + Venus Williams - play

8H: Singular subjects joined by OR or NOR take a singular verb. Plural Subjects joined by OR or NOR take a plural verb.

Example: A pen or a pencil is needed for the test.

Are the Bulldogs or the Mustangs winning the game?

Exercise 7- Page 165 (DO NUMBERS 1-5. Write out the subjects and the verb.

1. Mrs. Gomez or Mr. King - delivers
2. Guava tree or fig tree - bears
3. Tuskegee Institute or Harvard Univ. - offers
4. armadillos or ant-eaters - have
5. president or vice pres. - thinks

8I: When a singular subject and a plural subject are joined by or or NOR, the Verb agrees with the subject nearest the verb

Example: Neither the manager nor the employees want to close the store early.

Exercise 8- Page 165 (DO NUMBERS 1-5. Write out the subjects and the verb.

1. Sylvia brothers - scrub
2. bread muffins - contain
3. Student's teacher - reads
4. clouds, wind - blow
5. Seal, clams - catch