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A subject must agree with its verb. Singular subjects agree with singular verbs, and plural subjects agree with plural verbs.

There are a few key things to remember about subject-verb agreement in the present tense.

- If the subject is singular, add *-s* or *-es* to most verbs.  
Ann **reads**.      Joe **jumps**.      It **flies**.
- If the subject is plural, use the base form of most verbs.  
They **read**.      We **jump**.      Planes **fly**.
- For the subjects *I* and *you*, use the base form of the verb.  
I **read**.      You **jump**.
- If there is a phrase between the subject and the verb, make sure the subject agrees with the verb.  
The **book** on the shelf **is** old. (singular subject)  
The **books** on the shelf **are** old. (plural subject)
- If there is a verb phrase with a helping verb, such as *is* or *do*, the helping verb agrees with the subject.  
He **does run** every day. (The helping verb *does* agrees with the singular subject *He*.)  
Janet and Melani **are meeting** at the track today. (The helping verb *are* agrees with the plural subject *Janet and Melani*.)
- Use the correct form of the verbs *be* and *have*.

Subject	Present Tense of <i>be</i>	Present Tense of <i>have</i>
I	am	have
He, She, It	is	has
You, We, They	are	have

**Example** The security officer at the community college teaches safety classes.  
(*Officer* is a singular subject. The singular verb is *teaches*.)

### Test Example

1. Which sentence is written correctly?
    - A. The girls plays golf together.
    - B. Elena buy the vegetables.
    - C. My boss writes a report every day.
    - D. The big dog are mine.
- C. The subject is *boss*. It is singular and takes the singular verb *writes*.

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## Practice

1 Read the sentence.  
My coworkers \_\_\_\_\_ to start an online donation drive.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. want
- B. wants
- C. wanting
- D. is wanting

2 Read the sentence.  
Each team member \_\_\_\_\_ something in the garden.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. plant
- B. plants
- C. planting
- D. are planting

3 Read the sentence.  
My supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ to mulch the beds.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. offer
- B. offers
- C. offering
- D. are offering

4 Read the sentence.  
The team members \_\_\_\_\_ Dave and Rita have a great plan.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. is thinking
- B. thinking
- C. think
- D. thinks

5 Read the sentence.  
The owner of the company \_\_\_\_\_ the budget.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. approve
- B. approves
- C. approving
- D. is approving

6 Read the sentence.  
Store workers \_\_\_\_\_ the clothing items at the end of the day.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. is folding
- B. folding
- C. folds
- D. fold

7 Which sentence is written correctly?  
A. My friend have garden tools  
B. He always share them with the group.

- C. Julio waters the garden.
- D. The new plants is starting to grow.

8 Which sentence is written correctly?  
A. Flowers gives the garden some color.  
B. Vegetable plants takes up most of the space.  
C. The coworkers plans to share the food.  
D. The volunteers work hard in the garden.

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- A. charging
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- B. Also, I is very good with animals.
- C. They is wondering about my job experience.
- D. I are not sure yet about my future schedule.

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- B. They whispers with Nina and Isi about my interview answers.
- C. I waiting for at least ten minutes.
- D. Finally, Isi calls my name.

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- 9 Read the sentence.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ happy and relieved.  
Which of these correctly completes the sentence?  
A. feeling  
B. feel  
C. is feeling  
D. feels
- 10 Read the sentences.  
On my first day, Elaf and I work together. He \_\_\_\_\_ me the houses I will visit.  
Which of these correctly completes the sentence?  
A. show  
B. are showing  
C. shows  
D. showing
- 11 Read the sentence.  
We \_\_\_\_\_ about three hours walking six dogs.  
Which of these correctly completes the sentence?  
A. spend  
B. is spending  
C. spending  
D. spends
- 12 Read the sentence.  
My favorite part of the job \_\_\_\_\_ seeing how happy the dogs are.  
Which of these correctly completes the sentence?  
A. am  
B. are  
C. being  
D. is
- 13 Which sentence is written correctly?  
A. I learns each dog's name.  
B. Elaf helps me remember the names of the dogs.  
C. Together, we plans a different walking route for the next day.  
D. That night, I sleeps soundly.
- 14 Which sentence is written correctly?  
A. On my second day, I am on my own with the dogs.  
B. The dogs is excited for their walks.  
C. Dogs in the park greets us.  
D. After work, I calls Elaf to tell him that everything went well.
- 15 Read the sentence.  
At the end of the week, Hani and Nina \_\_\_\_\_ me to pick up my paycheck.  
Which of these correctly completes the sentence?  
A. is reminding  
B. remind  
C. reminds  
D. reminding
- 16 Read the sentence.  
Hani \_\_\_\_\_ me for the week.  
Which of these correctly completes the sentence?  
A. pay  
B. paying  
C. pays  
D. am paying

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1. A. *Coworkers* is plural and takes the plural verb *want*.
2. B. *Member* is a singular subject. *Plants* is a singular verb.
3. B. *Supervisor* is a singular subject and takes the singular verb *offers*.
4. C. *Members* is a plural subject and takes the plural verb *think*.
5. B. *Owner* is a singular subject and takes the singular verb *approves*.
6. D. *Workers* is a plural subject and takes the plural verb *fold*.
7. C. *Waters* is the correct singular verb for the subject *Julio*.
8. D. *Work* is the correct plural verb for the plural subject *volunteers*.

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1. B. *Friends* is a plural subject and agrees with the plural verb *own*.
2. D. *They* is a plural subject and agrees with the plural verb *charge*.
3. A. *I* is a singular subject and agrees with the singular verb *ask*.
4. C. *Nina* is a singular subject and agrees with the singular verb *invites*.
5. B. *Nina and Isi* is a plural subject and agrees with the plural verb *talk*.
6. A. *I* is a singular subject and agrees with the singular verb *have*.
7. D. *Isi* is a singular subject and agrees with the singular verb *calls*.
8. C. *Friends* is a plural subject and agrees with the plural verb *decide*.
9. B. *I* is a singular subject and agrees with the singular verb *feel*.
10. C. *He* is a singular subject and agrees with the singular verb *shows*.
11. A. *We* is a plural subject and agrees with the plural verb *spend*.
12. D. *Part* is a singular subject and agrees with the singular verb *is*.
13. B. *Elaf* is a singular subject and agrees with the singular verb *helps*.
14. A. *I* is a singular subject and agrees with the singular verb *am*.
15. B. *Hani and Nina* is a plural subject and agrees with a plural verb *remind*.
16. C. *Hani* is a singular subject and agrees with the singular verb *pays*.