

Subject Verb Agreement

Practice your knowledge of subject verb agreement.

Can You Find and Fix the Mistakes?

Review each sentence and look for errors in subject verb agreement. If there is an error, write the correct sentence in the space below the sentence.

1. She walk to the market.
2. The cat meows when he is hungry.
3. My favorite book are Green Eggs and Ham.
4. Ten minutes are enough time to get there.
5. The man and the woman were late for their appointment.
6. All of them is going to the parade.

Answers:

1. The verb “walk” should be the singular “walks” to match with the singular subject “she.”
2. The sentence is correct. The subject “cat” and the verb “meows” are both singular.
3. Even though “Green Eggs” is plural, it is part of a book title. Since we are talking about one particular book, you need to use the singular verb “is” instead of the plural verb “are.”
4. When expressing measurements of time, the verb should be singular. Use “is” instead of “are.”
5. The sentence is correct. The two subjects are joined by “and,” so the verb “their” is correct since it is plural.
6. “Them” is a pronoun. The verb for pronouns should be plural. Use the plural verb “are” instead of “is.”

Can You Fill in the Verb?

Review each sentence and put the correct verb in the blank.

1. John and Mary _____ knocking on the door.
2. Mary _____ late for school.
3. Every man and woman _____ standing at attention.
4. The group _____ dressed in red.
5. The little boy, who was wearing jeans, _____ very stylish.

Answers:

1. There are two subjects, John and Mary, so the correct verb would be plural – “are”
2. The subject, Mary, is singular, so the correct verb would be singular – “is”
3. The sentence starts with “Every” so the correct verb would be “is.”
4. The subject “group” is a collective noun so the correct verb would be singular – “is.”
5. The subject “boy” is singular so the verb should be singular, even though “jeans” is plural. Use “is” instead of “are.”