Within a sentence, the subject and the verb must agree in number. That is, a singular noun or pronoun (referring to a single thing) must be followed by a verb in the singular form. A plural noun or pronoun takes a verb in the plural form.

1. When the subject of a sentence is composed of two or more nouns or pronouns connected by and, use a plural verb.

   She and her friends are at the fair.

2. When two or more singular nouns or pronouns are connected by or or nor, use a singular verb.

   The book or the pen is in the drawer.

3. When a phrase comes between the subject and the verb, the verb agrees with the subject of the sentence, not with a noun or pronoun in the phrase.

   One of the boxes is open
   The people who listen to that music are few.
   The team captain, as well as his players, is anxious.

4. The words each, each one, either, neither, everyone, everybody, anybody, anyone, nobody, somebody, someone, and no one are singular and require a singular verb.

   Each of these hot dogs is juicy.
   Everybody knows Mr. Jones.
   Either is correct.

5. Nouns such as civics, mathematics, measles, and news require singular verbs.

   The news is on at six.

Note: The word dollars is a special case. When talking about an amount of money, it requires a singular verb, but when referring to the dollars themselves, a plural verb is required.

   Five dollars is a lot of money.
   Dollars are often used instead of rubles in Russia.
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6. Nouns such as scissors, tweezers, trousers, and shears require plural verbs. (There are two parts to these things.)

These scissors are dull.
Those trousers are made of wool.

7. In sentences beginning with "there is" or "there are," the subject follows the verb. Since "there" is not the subject, the verb agrees with what follows.

There are many questions.
There is a question.

8. Collective nouns are words that imply more than one person but that are considered singular and take a singular verb. Group, team, committee, class, and family are examples of collective nouns.

The team runs during practice.
The committee decides how to proceed.
The family has a long history.

9. Expressions such as along with, together with, including, accompanied by, in addition to, or as well do not change the number of the subject. If the subject is singular, the verb is too.

The President, accompanied by his wife, is traveling to India.
All of the books, including yours, are in that box.