

TOP 10 RULES OF SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT

1. Subjects and verbs must agree in number.

Examples: The *cat meows* when he is hungry.
The *cats meow* when they are hungry.



2. The words between the subject and verb do not affect agreement.

Example: The little *girl, who is wearing gloves, is well-dressed.*



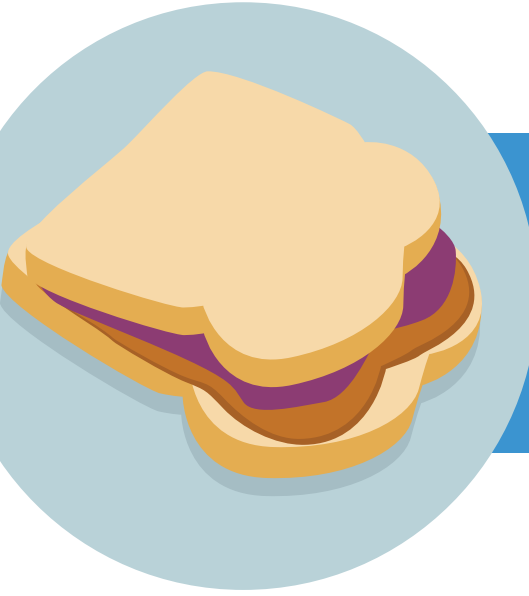
3. The verb is plural if two subjects are joined by "and."

Example: The *man and the woman were late* for the appointment.



4. The verb is singular if two subjects refer to the same person or thing and are joined by "and."

Example: *Peanut butter and jelly is my favorite sandwich.*



5. The verb is singular if "each," "every" or "no" comes before the subject.

Examples: *No yelling is allowed. Every man and woman is coming.*



6. The verb is singular for units of measurement or time.

Example: *Five minutes is enough time.*



7. When **gerunds** are used as the subject of a sentence, they take the singular form of the verb.

Example: *Standing in the water was a bad idea.*



8. The verb is singular for **indefinite pronouns**.

Example: *Everyone is waiting* for the movie to start.



9. The verb is singular for **collective nouns**.

Example: The *crowd is yelling.*



10. The verb is singular for titles of books and movies.

Example: *The Birds is a scary movie.*

