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Agreement of Subject and Verb.

Good Morning Students,

Let us understand the relation between a subject and a verb in a sentence.

- * The verb must always agree with the subject in number and person.
- * The verb in the sentence must be singular if the subject is singular.
- * If the subject is plural then the verb will also be plural.

Example:

The dog	chases	the cat	} Singular
Sub - dog	Verb - chases		
Raju	does	his homework	
Sub - Raju	Verb - does		

Raju and Rahul	do	their homework	Everyday	} Plural
Sub - Raju and Rahul	Verb - do			

NOTE -

We use did and had with both singular and plural nouns and pronouns.

Rules of Subject - Verb Agreement

- * Two nouns or pronouns joined by and form a plural subject.
eg: Mohan and Shyam are in the class.
- * We use singular verb with collective nouns.
eg: The fleet of ships is in the harbour.
- * We use a plural verb with a collective noun when we think of its members as individuals.
eg: The jury were divided in their opinion.
- * The names of subjects take a singular verb even though some of them have '-s' at the end.
eg: Physics is an interesting subject.
- * The titles of books and names of countries always take singular verbs even when they sound plural.
eg: Beauty and the Beast is an interesting story.
The United States is a country.
- * We usually use plural verb with I and you.
eg: I have an exam next week.
You have grown tall.
You are an intelligent child.