

Subject-Verb-Agreement

Affirmative Agreement & Negative Agreement

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□ Subject verb Agreement বলতে বুঝায় subject অনুসারে verb-এর রূপ নির্ধারণের পদ্ধতি বা নিয়ম। Verb এর রূপ নির্ধারিত হয় মূলত Number ও Person অনুসারে।

□ যেমন- Present Indefinite Tense এ subject যদি third person singular হয় তাহলে verb এর সাথে s/es যুক্ত হয়। আর বাকী অন্যান্য ক্ষেত্রে s/es যোগ হয় না। এভাবে বিভিন্ন প্রকার Tense এ subject অনুসারে verb নির্ধারণের নিয়মই হচ্ছে Subject Verb Agreement.

subject singular + verb singular

□ বই, ম্যাগাজিন, সংবাদপত্র, মুভি, নাটক, প্রতিষ্ঠান, দেশ ইত্যাদির নাম দেখতে plural হলেও verb singular হয়। এমনকি and দ্বারা যুক্ত থাকা সত্ত্বেও।

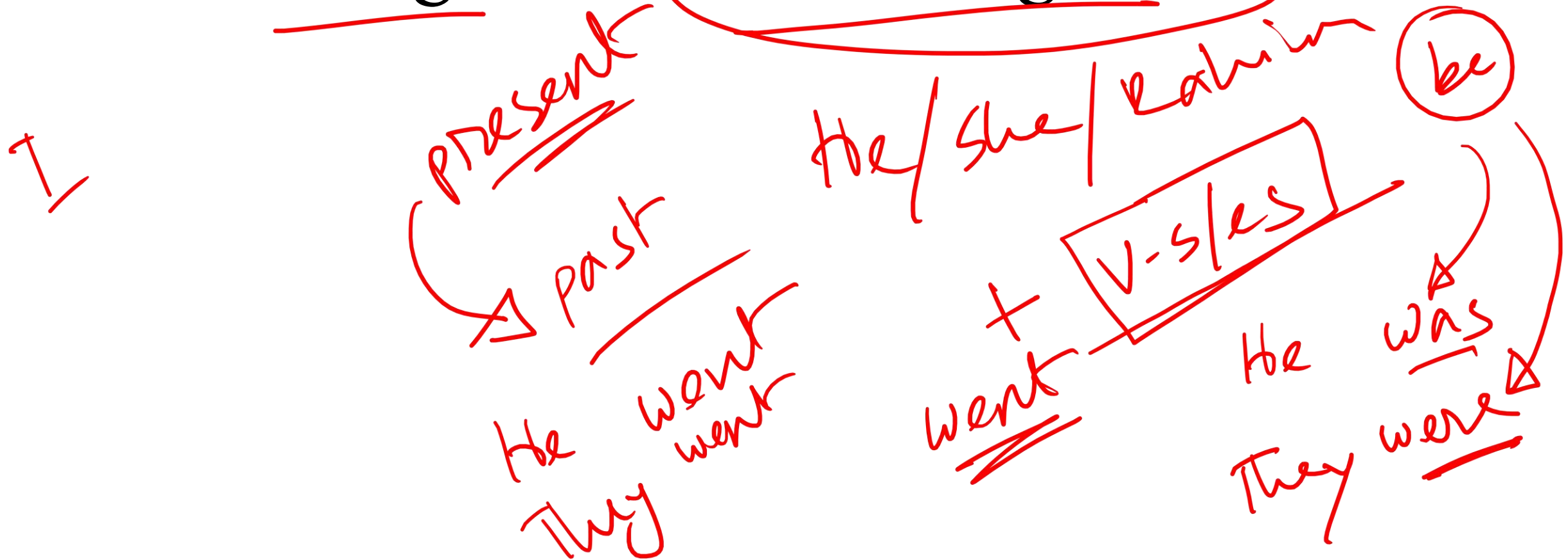
যেমন-

- Book: The Arabian Nights, Business Letters.
- Company: Liver Brothers, Rahman & Rahman.
- Country: The United States of America, United Arab Emirates.
- Cartoon: Tom & Jerry.

(N) সং সং

□ Any kind of Name (দেখতে যেমনই হোক

সবসময় singular) + verb (singular)



❑ The Arabian Nights is still a great favourite.

❑ Liver Brothers produces quality soap  
products.

□ Time, Money, Weight, Length, Distance এদের একক singular ও plural যাইহোক না কেন এদের পর verb singular হয়।

Money means

তবে

Sheep

পরিমাপ (Measurement)	একক (Unit)		Subject + verb
	Singular	Plural	
Time	One hour	<u>50</u> hours	Singular Subject + <u>verb Singular</u>
Money	One dollar	500 dollars	
	One taka	<u>500 taka</u>	
Weight	One kg	<u>10</u> kgs	
Length	One metre	10 metres	
Distance	One mile	10 miles	

One hour  
2 hours

1 km

is

1000 yms

- Twenty kilometers is a long distance.
- Two hundred pounds is enough for us.
- Hundred years is long time to pass alone.

□ বিভিন্ন গ্রহ (Planet), নক্ষত্র (Star) এদের নাম গুলি subject হিসেবে বসলে এদের পর verb singular হয়।

□ Mercury (বুধ), venus (শুক্ৰ), Earth (পৃথিবী), Mars (মঙ্গল), Jupiter (বৃহস্পতি), Saturn (শনি), Uranus (ইউরেনাস), Neptune + verb singular

• Mars is a planet in our solar system

□ Ethics (শাস্ত্রবিজ্ঞান), economics, gallows (ফাঁসির কাষ্ঠ), mathematics, news, politics, physics, statistics এরা singular noun. তাই এই noun গুলো subject হিসেবে বসলে verb singular হয়।

- Physics is my favourite subject.
- The news often surprises everyone

❑ Statistics যদি subject বুঝায় তাহলে verb singular হয় কিন্তু যদি Statistics দ্বারা গণনা বুঝায় তাহলে verb plural হবে। তেমনিভাবে Mathematics দিয়ে যদি বিভিন্ন টাইপের Mathematics or branches of mathematics বুঝায় তাহলে verb plural হবে।

Money

Subject

• Various mathematics ~~is~~/are applied in solving this complex problem.

• Statistics show/~~shows~~ that about 800 people are blind.

Plural

Property

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১ টাকা

১০০ টাকা

❑ Collective Nouns: Army, board, Congress, Council, crowd, class,  
committee, company, corporation, firm, family, government, group,  
Organization, team, mob etc. এদের পর singular verb বসে।

- The Jury is going to decide about the matter.
- The family was elated by the news.

□ কিন্তু যদি এদের মধ্যে **Division (বিভাজন)** দেখা দেয় এবং এ কথাটি যখন sentence এ সরাসরি উল্লেখ থাকে তখন verb টি plural হয়।



• The committee are divided in **two parts** to decide about the matter.

• The class are arguing **with one another.**

❑ Aristocracy (অভিজাত শ্রেণি), cattle, gentry (অভিজাত সম্প্রদায়), poultry, people (জনতা), peasantry এ সকল Collective Noun দেখতে singular মনে হলেও বাস্তবে এরা plural এবং এদের পর plural verb বসে।

- During that period, the gentry were expected to live by strict codes of conduct.
- Cattle are grazing in the field.

□ কোন Clause, Phrase, Gerund, যদি Infinitive Subject হিসেবে বসে তাহলে এরপর verb singular বসবে।

• Reading novels is my passion.

• That they are the culprits is known to all.

↓  
Noun  
clause

□ তবে একাধিক Gerund যদি and দ্বারা যুক্ত হয়ে Subject হিসেবে বসে, তখন verb plural হবে।

- Swimming and Running ~~is~~ are my favorite sports.
- Reading and writing ~~is~~ are essential skills for students.

□ Preposition যারা যে word বা group of words যুক্ত হয় তারা কখনোই verb এর উপর কোন প্রভাব ফেলে না অথবা prepositional phrase কখনোই verb এর উপর কোন প্রভাব ফেলে না। এক্ষেত্রে preposition অথবা prepositional phrase এর পূর্বের subject অনুযায়ী verb বসে।

~~Sing.~~

→ Prep. phrase

- A selection of Nazrul's poems ~~have~~ been published to the joy of the readers. X

→ Singular

was

- The most important period of physical growth in human occurs during their first few years. ✓

□ Appositive অংশ কখনোই verb নির্ধারণে প্রভাব বিস্তার করে না।

□ This book, *an English dictionary and lexical grammar*, was not found there.

*Sing* (circled around "This book")

*A positive* (circled around "an English dictionary and lexical grammar")

*was* (circled)

□ These songs, *an old American secret*, are sung on Friday only.

*plum* (circled around "These songs")

□ Subject এর পূর্বে verb অবস্থান করলে ও subject অনুসারে verb হয়।

এক্ষেত্রে sentence এর শুরুতে there, here, who, which, where

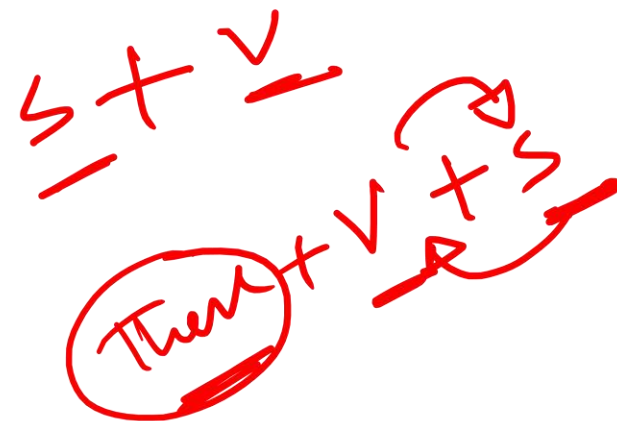
ইত্যাদি থাকে।

• Here are the newspaper. ❌

✓ Here is the newspaper.

✗ There is wild dogs in our neighborhood. ❌

• There are wild dogs in our neighborhood.



□ Subject হিসেবে A Number of হলে noun এবং verb উভয়ই Plural

হয়। The Number of এর ক্ষেত্রে noun plural কিন্তু verb singular হয়।

✓ plural → A number of → তেরেক/তারা  
of → definite

- The number of students are absent today. ✗
- The number of students is absent today.
- A number of farmers was criticized yesterday. ✗
- A number of farmers were criticized yesterday.

The number  
of

□ Every/each এরপর noun এবং verb উভয়ই singular হয়।

- ✓ Every students are coming towards me. ✗
- ✓ Every student is coming towards me.
- Each teacher have been awarded. ✗
- Each teachers have been awarded. ✗

❑ Every/each এরপর একাধিক noun থাকলে ও verb singular হয়।

❑ Every cat and dog in the neighborhood were fighting. ❌

❑ Every cat and dog in the neighborhood was fighting.

❑ Each boy and each girl were dressed with a new dress. ❌

❑ Each boy and each girl was dressed with a new dress.

□ তবে Each শব্দটি plural noun এর পরে বসলে verb plural হয়।

Each → boy

Each → teacher

- They each is coming. ❌
- They each are coming. ✓
- The students each was criticized. ❌
- The students each were criticized. ✓

□ কিন্তু Every এর পর of phrase থাকলে verb plural হয়।

• Every cat and two of dogs were fighting.

• ~~Every cat and two of dogs was fighting. ❌~~

• ~~Every student and five of teachers has been punished. ❌~~

• Every student and five of teachers have been punished.

*Every teacher*

*Every boy*

□ One of, each of, either of, neither of, every one of, quality of  
এদের পর noun plural হয় কিন্তু verb singular হয়।

- One of my teachers are taking his meal. ~~✗~~
- One of my teachers is taking his meal.
- Neither of the farmers are guilty. ~~✗~~
- Neither of the farmers is guilty.

*g + plural*

Let's Recap

□ Both, Either, Neither, None, Any, All

Both, Either, Neither



• 2 = Both, Either, Neither

• 2/2 = Both → Plural

• 1/2 = Either → S

• 0/2 = Neither → S

2

- Both of the boys ~~is~~/are present. ✓
- Either of the boys is/~~are~~ present.
- Neither of the boys is/~~are~~ present.

②

2+ = None, Any, All

6

- 6/6 = All → P
- ~~5, 4, 3, 2, 1/6~~ None
- 1/6 = Any → S
- 0/6 = None → S

- All of the six boys ~~is~~/are present.
- None of the six boys is/~~are~~ present.
- Any of the six boys is/~~are~~ present.



• None = No One (0)

• None = Not One (More Than One)

↘  
None

None

1 → ANY

1+  
2 3 4 5

0  
↓  
ALL

$\square \textcircled{2+} = \underline{\text{None}}, \underline{\text{Any}}, \underline{\text{All}}$

- $6/6 = \underline{\text{All}} \rightarrow \text{P}$
- $5,4,3,2,1/6 = \underline{\text{None}}$  (More Than One)  $\rightarrow$  plural
- $1/6 = \text{Any} \rightarrow$  singular
- $0/6 = \underline{\text{None}} \text{ (0)} \rightarrow$  No one  $\rightarrow$  sing.

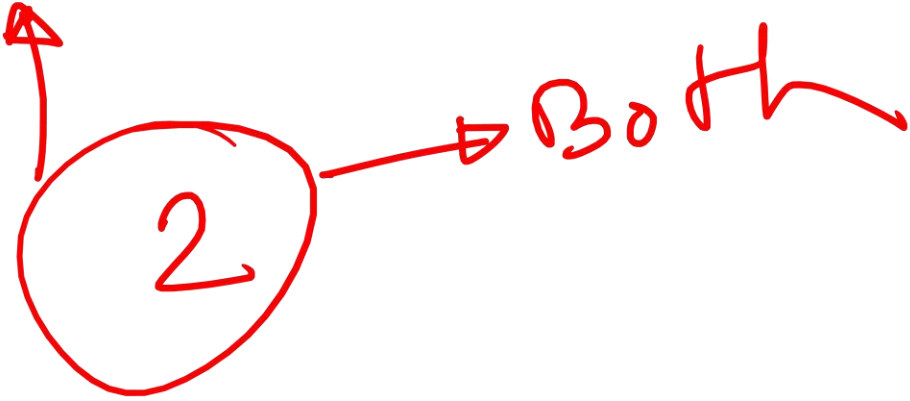
None → No one

- None of the six boys are/were present. ✓
- None of the six boys is/was present. ✓

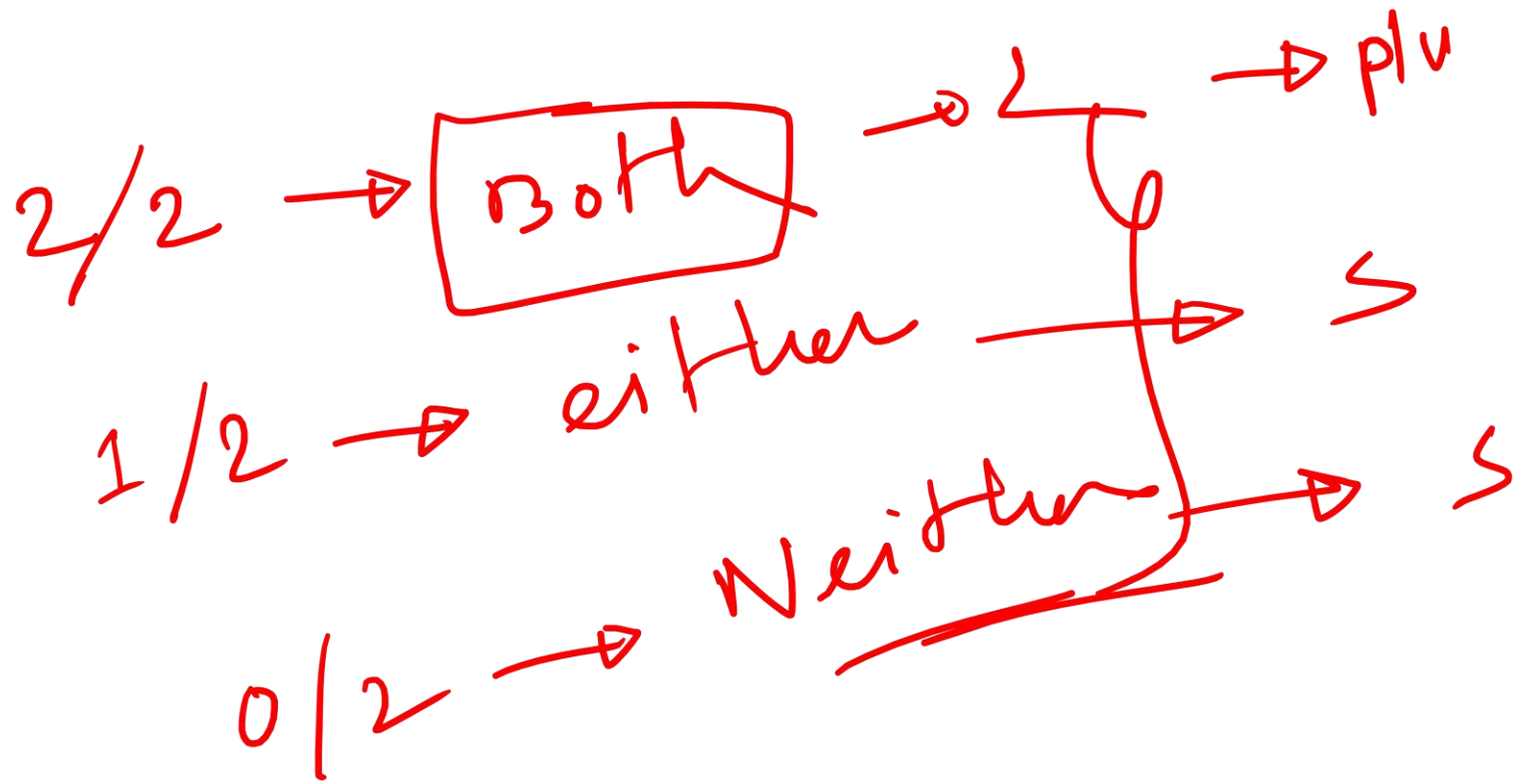
Not one → No one → None of the six boys are present.  
neither either None of the above

Both Either, & Neither

Either All, None, Any



Neither



(2f)

All, Any, None

4/4 → All → Plural

1/4 → Any → S

0/4 → None (No one) → S

→ None (Not one) → Plu

2, 3/4



□ A many এরপর plural noun এবং plural verb হয় কিন্তু many a এরপর noun এবং verb উভয়ই singular হয়।

~~সিঙ্গি~~

~~many~~ many

• Many a students have been destroyed by drink. ❌

• Many a student has been destroyed by drink.

• How many teachers have come to the meeting?

• How many teacher has come to the meeting? ❌

□ দুটি singular subject 'and' দ্বারা যুক্ত হলে এবং প্রথম subject এর পূর্বে 'the' থাকলে verb singular হয়।

- The principal and secretary are taking preparation to attend the meeting. ❌
- The principal and secretary is taking preparation to attend the meeting.
- The headmaster and president have gone to Brazil. ❌
- The headmaster and president has gone to Brazil.

□ কিন্তু উভয় subject এর পূর্বে আলাদা আলাদা ভাবে 'the' থাকলে verb plural হয়।

- The principal and the secretary are taking preparation to attend the meeting.
- The headmaster and the president have gone to Brazil.

□ And দ্বারা যুক্ত একাধিক subject দ্বারা একইসত্ত্বা/একক unit বোঝালে verb singular হয়। ভিন্ন সত্ত্বা বোঝালে verb plural হয়।

- Rice and curry is delicious to eat.
- Rice and curry are grown in Bangladesh.
- Bread and butter is my favourite food.
- Bread and butter are costly to buy.

□ Together with, along with, with, including, including to, excluding, as well as, and not, accompanied by, accompanied with এই phrase সমূহ থাকলে প্রথম subject অনুসারে verb হয়।

• Prime minister, along with other ministers and his sons, has decided to attend the party.

- He and not I has done the misdeeds.
- He and not I have done the misdeeds. ❌
- The minister, with his three brothers, come here to make the negotiation. ❌
- The minister, with his three brothers, comes here to make the negotiation.

□ Either-----or, neither-----nor, not only-----but also, not-----but ইত্যাদি থাকলে শেষের subject অনুসারে verb হয়।

- Not only Jonathan and Joe but also Robert are enjoying the movie. ❌
- Not only Jonathan and Joe but also Robert is enjoying the movie.
- Not Maria but her friends is studying. ❌
- Not Maria but her friends are studying. ✓

□ All, any, no, some, rest of, part of, percentage of, any, more, many, who, that, which, most, majority of এদের পরবর্তী Noun অনুসারে verb নির্ধারিত হয়। অর্থাৎ noun singular হলে verb singular হয় noun plural হলে verb plural হয়।

- Rest of the problems has been solved recently. ❌
- Rest of the problems have been solved recently.
- All of the work was completed.
- All of the work were completed. ❌

All is  
✓✓

*well*

Let's Recap

□ Fraction (ভগ্নাংশ) এর ক্ষেত্রে fraction এর পরবর্তী Noun অনুসারে verb নির্ধারিত হয়। অর্থাৎ noun singular হলে verb singular হয় noun plural হলে verb plural হয়।

- One third of the orange is eaten.
- One third of the oranges are eaten.
- Two fifths of the meal ~~have~~ been taken.

One third  
two thirds  
three fifths

□ It is time, it is high time এদের পর subject থাকলে subject এর পরে verb এর past form হয়। subject না থাকলে to+verb হয়।

- It is high time you looked for a good job.
- It is time to do the work.

□ Subject এর পরের verb টি wish/fancy হলে পরবর্তী verb টি past form/could+verb এবং be verb হিসেবে সর্বদাই were হয়।

- I wish I did my homework last night.
- I fancy I turned trifle pale.
- I wish I were a king.

□ Would rather that এরপর verb এর past form হয়।

↓  
wish

• Danie would rather that her husband didn't work so hard.

• The dean would rather that students made appointments  
instead of dropping by.

□ Everything, something, everybody, nothing, anything, anyone,

no one, whatever, either, neither এরা সবসময় singular হয়।

None

- Everybody is going to his destination.
- Everyone has been awarded.

□ Relative pronoun এর কাছাকাছি noun অনুসারে verb হয়।

- You are the person who speaks ill of me.
- I am the same man that is punished.

□ মনে রাখবেন, Had better, would better, would rather, had rather এই group of words গুলো modal হিসেবে ব্যবহৃত হয়।  
তাই এদের পরে verb এর base form হবে, এদের আগে infinitive ও ব্যবহার করা যাবে না।

- He had better to do the work. ❌
- He had better do the work.
- I would rather drank tea. ❌
- I would rather drink tea.

□ Must be এরপর verb-ing/noun/adjective হতে পারে।

- He must be writing a letter.
- He is absent; he must be sick now.

❑ Used to এরপর verb এর base form হয়।

• He used to going to the United States. ❌

• He used to go to the United States.

• My father used to studying hard in his childhood. ❌

• My father used to study hard in his childhood.

□ Anticipatory 'it' এর subject সবসময় singular হয়।

- It were Fatema, Joe and David that did the work. ❌
- It was Fatema, Joe and David that did the work.
- It is these books that I want.
- It are these books that I want. ❌

□ The greater/greatest part এর পরবর্তী noun অনুসারে verb হয়।

- The greater part of the land is cultivated.
- The greater part of the students have been taken here.

□ Pains এবং means দ্বারা singular unit বোঝালে verb singular হয় কিন্তু singular unit না বোঝালে verb plural হয়।

was

• Great pains have been taken.

• The means employed by you is sufficient.

□ Income বোঝাতে means শব্দটা সবসময় plural হয়।

Means  
সংখ্যা

- My means were much reduced owing to that heavy lost.
- His means are ample.

□ Affirmative Agreement & Negative Agreement

❑ Affirmative Statement এ main verb হিসেবে be verb (am/is/are/was/were) থাকলে পরবর্তী Clause এর গঠনেও be verb (am/is/are/was/were)- ই থাকবে।

❑ Affirmative Statement (be) + and + subject + verb (be) + too

❑ Affirmative Statement (be) + and + so + verb (be) + subject

• I am happy, and you are too.

• I am happy, <sup>and</sup> so are you.

• She was very exhausted and so were the others.

S + verb + either  
Neither + verb + subj

be —  
bet — do  
compound  
verb —

❑ Affirmative Statement এ be verb ব্যতীত শুধু অন্য কোন verb single হিসেবে বসলে পরবর্তী clause-এ Present Indefinite Tense এর ক্ষেত্রে do/does এবং Past Indefinite Tense এর ক্ষেত্রে did বসে।

❑ Affirmative Statement (Single verb except be aux.) + and +  
Subject + do/does/did+ too

❑ Affirmative Statement (Single verb except be aux.) + and + so +  
do/does/did + subject

- My friend believes that research is a group of effort and so do

I.


- My friend believes that research is a group of effort and I do  
too.

You like chocolate \_\_\_\_\_

a) and me too

b) and I too

c) and I also

d) and so do I 

- ❑ Affirmative Statement এ compound verb (auxiliary + main verb) থাকলে পরবর্তী clause এর গঠনে শুধু auxiliary verb বসবে।
- ❑ Affirmative Statement (Compound verb) + and + subject + auxiliary only + too
- ❑ Affirmative Statement (Compound verb) + and + SO + auxiliary only + subject

- They will work in the lab tomorrow, and you will too.
- They will work in the lab tomorrow, and so will you.

☐ Times have changed and so \_\_\_\_\_

a) we have

b) we are

c) have we



d) are we

❑ Negative Statement এ main verb হিসেবে be verb (am/is/are/was/were) থাকলে পরবর্তী Clause এর গঠনে either এর ক্ষেত্রে Negative be verb (am/is/are/was/were + not) বসবে এবং Neither থাকলে Positive be verb বসবে।

❑ Negative Statement (be) + and + Subject + Negative (be) + either

❑ Negative Statement (be) + and + Neither + Positive (be) + subject too

- She is not in agreement, and I'm not either.
- She is not in agreement, and neither am I.

- ❑ Negative Statement এ be verb ব্যতীত শুধু অন্য কোন verb single হিসেবে বসলে পরবর্তী clause গঠনে either হলে present Indefinite Tense এর ক্ষেত্রে don't/doesn't এবং Past Indefinite Tense এর ক্ষেত্রে didn't বসে এবং Nether হলে do/does/did বসে।
- ❑ Negative Statement (single verb except be) + and + Subject + don't/doesn't/didn't + either
- ❑ Negative Statement (single verb except be) + and + Neither + do/does/did + subject

- He does not like vegetables, and neither do I.
- He does not like vegetables, and I don't either.

Kamal does not enjoy reading science fictions\_\_\_\_\_

- his brother doesn't neither
- nor his brother does
- neither his brother does
- his brother doesn't either



❑ Negative Statement এ compound verb (auxiliary + main verb)

থাকলে পরবর্তী clause এর গঠনে either হলে শুধু Negative auxiliary verb বসবে এবং Neither হলে Positive Auxiliary verb বসবে।

❑ Negative Statement (Compound verb) + and + Subject +  
Negative auxiliary + either

❑ Negative Statement (Compound verb) + and + Neither +  
Positive Auxiliary + subject

- Runa can't type well and her sister can't either.
- Runa can't type well and neither can her sister.

❑ She won't be going to the party, and \_\_\_\_\_

- her friends will not
- her friends will neither
- neither her friends will
- neither will her friends



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Thank You