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Subject – Verb Agreement



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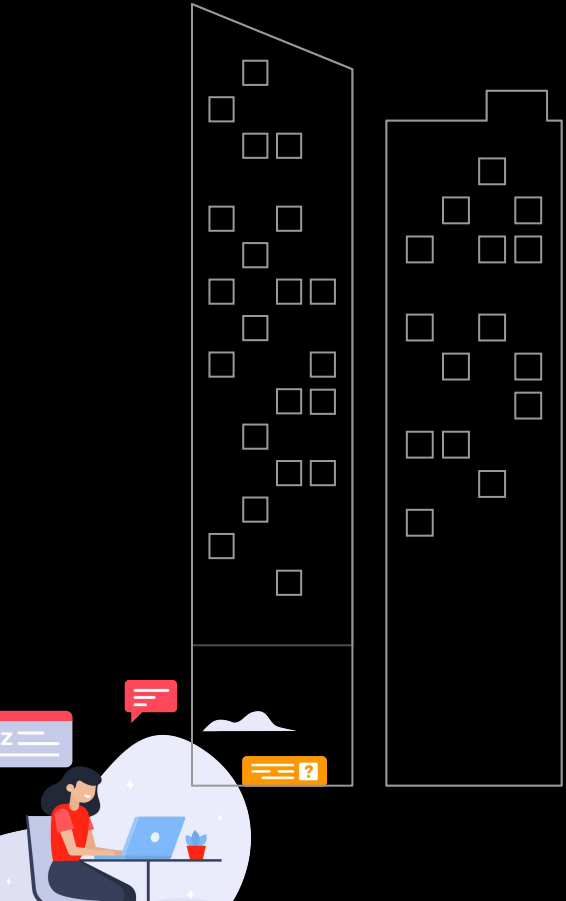
Introduction:

- ✓ Subject-verb agreement এর মানে হলো বাক্যে subject এবং verb এর মধ্যকার চুক্তি।



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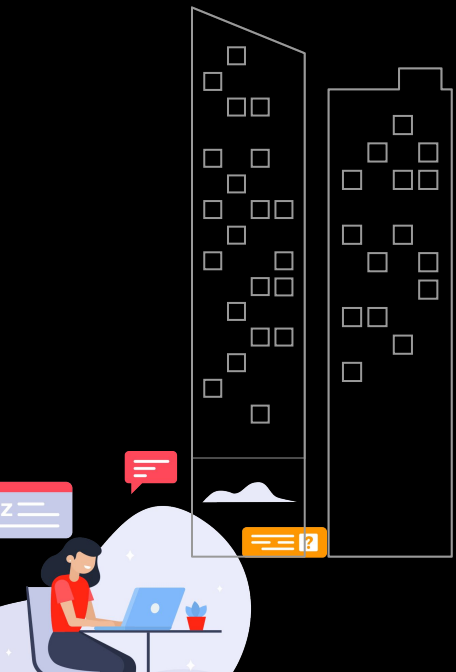
- ✓ **Subject** এর **number** ও **person** এর উপর নির্ভর করে **verb** অনুসারে সঠিক ব্যবহার করা।
সংজ্ঞা নিয়েই ৩৩ তম বিসিএস এ প্রশ্ন এসেছিল।



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- Subject-Verb Agreement refers to-
- a) Person only
 - b) Number, person and gender
 - c) Number and person
 - d) Number only

Ans: C



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□ Subject Identifying:

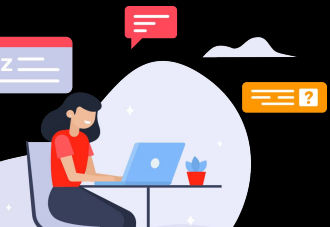
Noun, pronoun অথবা, **noun equivalent** কোন কিছুই কেবলমাত্র বাক্যের **subject** হতে পারে। তাই **adjective** কখনোই বাক্যের **subject** হয় না। বাক্যের শুরুতে **adjective** থাকলে **here/there** এর নিয়ম অনুসারেই করতে হবে।



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□ Subject Identifying:

- ✓ Adjective + singular verb + singular subject
- ✓ Adjective + plural verb + plural subject

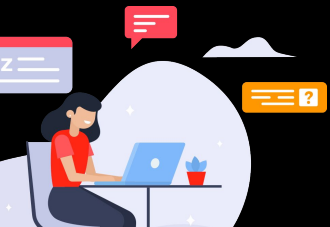


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Example:

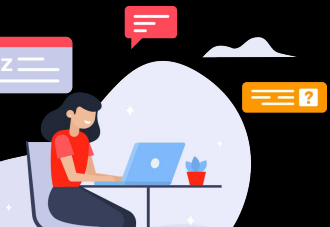
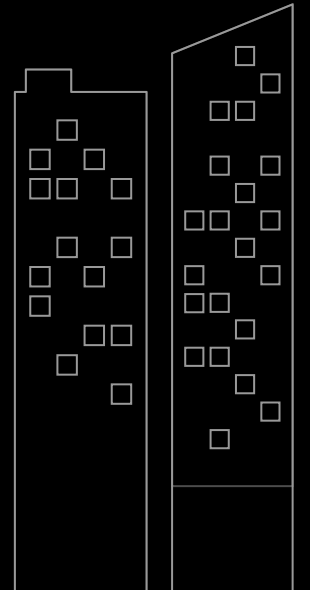
a) Sweet _ the uses of adversity.

Ans: are

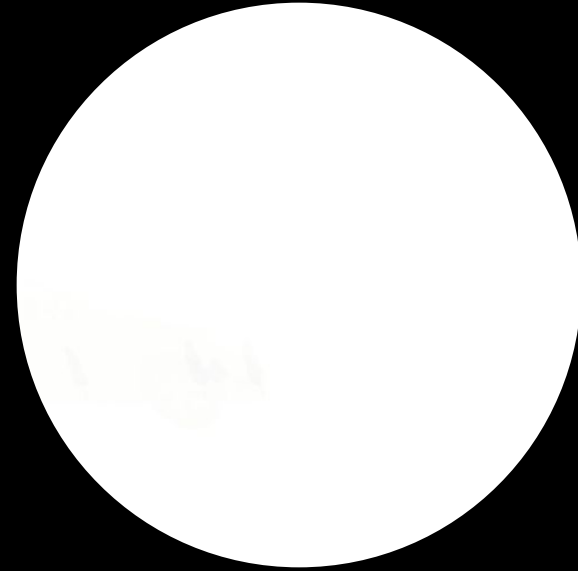


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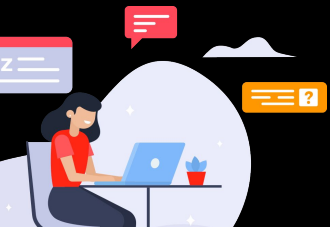
- ❑ Which verbs are being changed:
Principle verb & Auxiliary Verb



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Example: I am driving my new car.



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□ Person & Number:

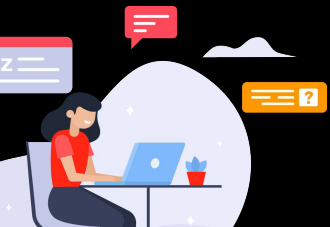
	1st Person	2nd Person	3rd Person
Singular Number	I	YOU	Rahim, Karim
Plural Number	We	You	They, Students



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□ Common Auxiliary Verbs:

	1st Person	2nd Person	3rd Person
Singular Number	Are, were, have	Are, were, have	Is, was, has
Plural Number	Are, were, have	Are, were, have	Are, were, have



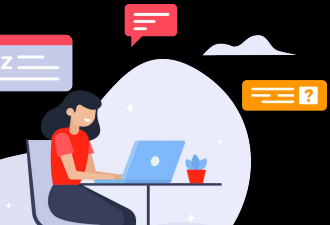
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☐ Common Auxiliary Verbs:

Example:

a) I have done it.

b) Shamim has done it.



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RULE-1

- ✓ Subject - Verb Agreement এর সাধারণ নিয়ম হলো, subject যদি singular হয় তাহলে verb টিও singular হয়। অর্থাৎ number ও person ভেদে বিভিন্ন tense অনুযায়ী -
- ✓ I (1st Person) এর সাথে am / have / was হয়।
- ✓ He (3rd Person) এর সাথে is / has / was হয়।
- ✓ Subject plural হলে verb plural হয়।



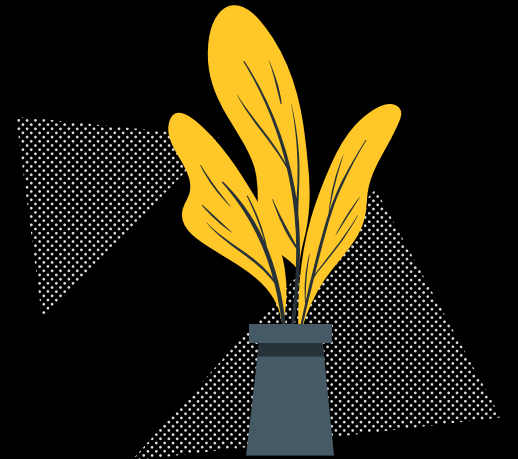
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নিচের বাক্যে ভুল অংশটি চিহ্নিত করুন-

Tomatoes grows all year long in China.

- | | |
|-------------|--------|
| a) Tomatoes | b) All |
| c) Grows | d) In |

Ans: c

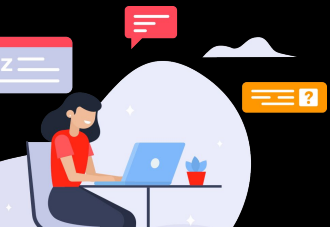


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RULE- 2

- ❑ **Two singular nouns connected by and**
=> Plural verb

Sadia and Nishe are doing the same project.



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Exceptional:

- ✓ **Same types of noun + and => Singular verb**

Example:

- The headmaster and secretary of the school **was** present in the meeting.
- The horse and carriage **is** ready.
- Bread and butter **is** my favourite breakfast.



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✓ **Different types of nouns+ and=> Plural verb**

Example:

a) The headmaster and the secretary of the school **were** present in the meeting.

b) Time and tide wait for none.



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RULE-3

Each বা every বাক্যের **subject** এর স্থানে থাকলে তারা **and** দ্বারা যুক্ত হলেও অথবা **each of + plural noun/pronoun** হলেও **verb** সব সময় **singular** হয় এবং এর পরের **pronoun** ও **singular** হবে।

Example:

Each teacher and each student has to attend the meeting.

Every boy, every girl and every child was welcomed.



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আইন বিচার ও সংসদ বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়ের সাব-register 2012 এর পরীক্ষায় এসেছিল-

Which of the following sentence is correct?

- a) Each boy and each girl have pens.
- b) Each boy and each girl have a pen.
- c) Each boy and each girl has a pen.
- d) Each boy and each girl has had a pen.

Ans: c



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RULE-4

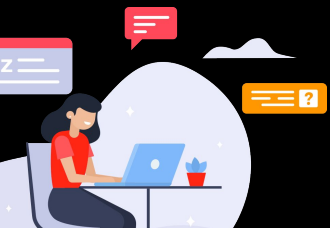
One of , each of, either of, neither of (subject হলে)

=> verb singular হবে।

Example:

a) Each member of the large family _____ his own set of priorities.

Ans: has



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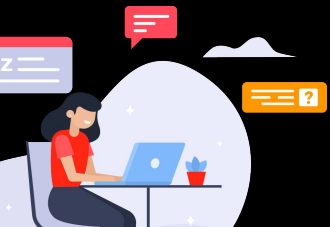
Example:

b) At least one of the students __ full marks every time. (24th BCS)

Ans: gets

c) Neither of the students __ turned in the term papers to the teachers yet.

Ans: has



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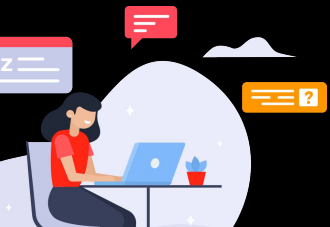
RULE-5

With, together with, as well as, along with, in addition, accompanied by + noun/pronoun+ verb will follow the first subject.

Example:

a) The man along with his neighbours, __ working for the welfare of the people.

Ans: is



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b) The headmaster along with his colleagues __ coming here today.

Ans: is

c) Everything including the books __ bought.

Ans: was

d) They as well as he __ incorrect.

Options: a) is b) be c) will d) not

Ans: b

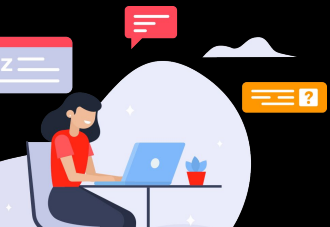


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RULE-6

**Everyone, everybody, nobody, no one,
anybody, anyone (singular) => singular verb**



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Example:

a) Choose the correct sentence. [26th BCS]

i) Everybody have gone there.

ii) Everybody are gone there.

iii) Everybody has gone there.

iv) Everybody has went there.

Ans: iii

b) Everybody wants to go to the cinema but nobody **seems** willing to pay for the tickets.



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RULE-7

Either ... or, neither ... nor => or বা nor এর পর যে noun/pronoun থাকে তার number/person অনুসারে verb হয়।

Example:

a) Neither Rini nor Simi __ qualified for the job.

[29th BCS]

Ans: is



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b) Either you or I **am** wrong.

c) Neither Jane nor his brothers __ a consent form for tomorrow's field trip.

Ans: need



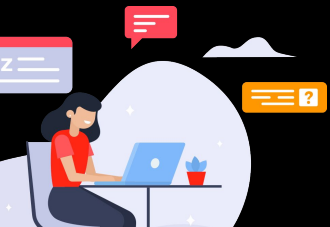
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RULE-8

Collective noun: singular and verb singular

Example:

- a) The family **has** been living here for four years.
- b) The jury **was** unanimous in their opinion.
- c) The mob **has** dispersed.



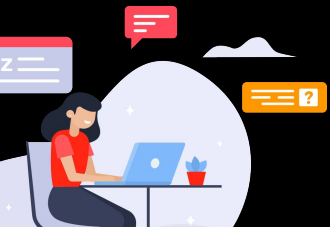
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Non-countable noun: verb singular

Example:

Milk, oil, water, honey, wheat, rice, spices,....

- a) A lot of oil **is** spilled in the ocean every year.**
- b) A lot of junk food **is** bad for health.**



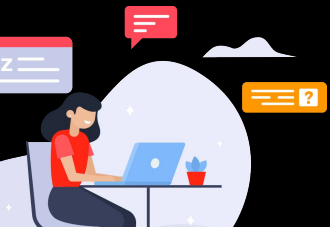
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Exceptions:

Food, money, meat, furniture, bread.....
এরকম অনেক **non-countable noun** এর **plural form** হয় না।

আবার, বিষয়ের নাম, বইয়ের নাম, দেশের নাম দেখতে **plural** হলেও এর **verb** টি **singular** হবে।

যেমনঃ **news, physics, mathematics, politics, information,**



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Example:

a) The Arabian Nights __ still a great favourite.

[26th BCS]

Ans: is

b) Cultural studies **gives** a new meaning to culture.



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Non-countable noun to countable noun:

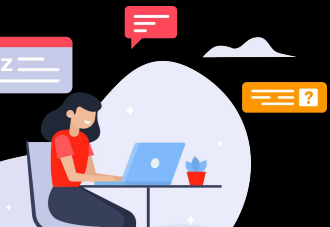
Milk – carton of milk

Oil – bottle of oil

Soap – bar of soap

Sugar – kilogram of sugar

Rice – kilogram of rice



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Uses of words in countable and non-countable noun:

Countable Noun	Non-Countable Noun
Some, the ,any	Some, the ,any
There is/ are	There is
This/ that/ these/ those	This/ that
A lot of	A lot of
Many	Much



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Uses of words in countable and non-countable noun:

Countable Noun	Non-Countable Noun
A large number of	A large amount of
A few	A little
Fewer..... than	Less..... than
More than	More ...than



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RULE-9

If, wish এর পর subject এর number and person যাই হোক না কেন be হিসেবে সর্বদাই were বসে।

Example:

a) If I **were** in your shoes.

b) Fill in the blank with the right form of verb.

If I _ a king! [34th BCS]

i) am ii) was iii) were iv) shall be

Ans: iii



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RULE-10

Fraction/Percentage(%) = ভগ্নাংশ, শতকরা কখনোই subject হতে পারে না। তাই এদের দ্বারা যা সম্পর্কে বর্ণনা করা হবে তা যদি singular হয় তাহলে singular verb হবে আর plural হলে plural verb.

Example:

- a) Three-fourth of the work **has** been finished.
[23rd BCS]
- b) One-third of the students **are** present.



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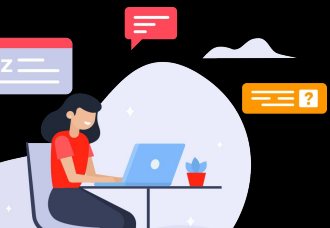
RULE-11

Groups => singular verb

Example: Flock of birds, ships / pack of dogs / pride of lions / murder of crows

a) The **herd of cattle is** making noise.

b) The **school of fish is** trapped inside the net.



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RULE-12

Always Plural Nouns=> Plural verb

**Example: pants, scissors, pliers, tweezers,
trousers, shorts, eyeglasses**

a) Where are my pants?

b) The tweezers are in the drawer.



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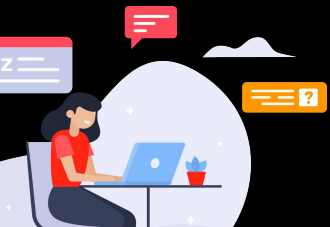
RULE-13

Time, money, measurement, distance, weight

=> singular verb

Example:

- a) 500 dollars **is** too much to spend in a day.
- b) 45 minutes **is** not enough for this task.
- c) 50 kilometers **is** a long distance to walk.



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RULE-14

The + adj = plural common noun => plural verb

Example:

- a) The poor **suffer** much in winter.
- b) The virtuous **are** blessed.



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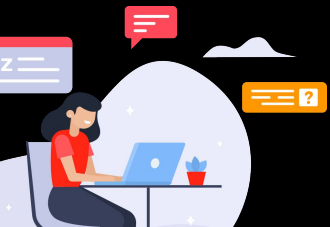
A number of => plural verb

the number of => singular verb

Example:

a) A number of students **are absent today.**

b) The number of students absent today **is 6.**



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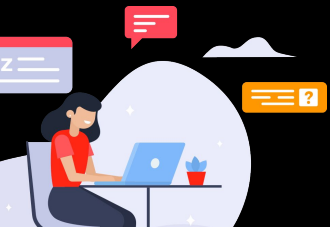
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There is => singular verb

There are => Plural verb

Example:

- a) **There is a tiger in front of your house.**
- b) **There are 6 pens in that box.**



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RULE-16

There is / there are + countable noun => plural verb

There is / there are + uncountable noun => singular verb

c) There is a lot of milk in the fridge.

d) There are a lot of potatoes in the fridge.



Thank You