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A verb must agree with its subject in number.

What does that mean?

Singular Subjects take Singular Verbs.

Note: Most Singular Verbs end in “S”

Ex. Maria works cooperatively with her classmates.

Ex. She listens carefully to their suggestions.

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Plural Subjects take Plural Verbs

Note: Plural Verbs do NOT end in “S”

Ex. The players work together well as a team.

Ex. They listen carefully to the coach.

# Compound Subjects

In compound subjects joined by OR or NOR, the verb should agree with the subject closest to it.

Ex. Neither outdoor work nor office tasks suit Matt very well.

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In compound subjects joined by AND, use a plural verb (one that doesn't end in "S")

Ex. Career counselors and employers match people with the right jobs.

# What's Wrong With These Sentences?

1. The Kingswood Environmental Association have worked for decades with one goal in mind.
2. Margaret Burke-White's photographs remains relevant today, revealing both the suffering and the perseverance of humankind.
3. Modern calculators, which can compute complex sums almost instantaneously, derives from abacuses, hand-operated devices with beads that slide along rods.
4. Babysitting or odd jobs is what I like.