

SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT (ERROR BASED NOTES)

1. Singular subject takes singular verb; plural subject takes plural verb.

Example: He writes well. / They write well.

2. Each, Every, Everyone, Somebody, Nobody, Anyone are always singular.

Example: Each of the students is present.

3. One of + plural noun takes singular verb.

Example: One of the boys is absent.

4. One of the + plural noun + who → verb agrees with plural noun.

Example: She is one of the students who work hard.

5. Collective nouns take singular verb when acting as a unit.

Example: The committee has decided.

6. Subjects joined by AND take plural verb.

Example: Ram and Shyam are friends.

7. Subjects joined by OR/NOR follow the proximity rule.

Example: Either the students or the teacher is responsible.

8. Along with, as well as, together with do not affect the verb.

Example: The teacher along with students is coming.

9. Titles of books, plays, poems are singular.

Example: The Second Coming is a symbolic poem.

10. A number of takes plural verb; The number of takes singular verb.

Example: A number of students are absent.

11. More than one + singular noun takes singular verb.

Example: More than one student has failed.

12. Plural nouns with singular meaning: news, economics, politics.

Example: News is shocking.