

# *SUBJECT VERB AGREEMENT*

#When a sentence starts with adverb of place complete inversion is used

Along the northern frontier of India is located the mighty Himalayas.

Diagram labels: P (pointing to 'Along'), Adj (pointing to 'northern'), PO (pointing to 'frontier of India'), P (pointing to 'is'), PO (pointing to 'located'), LV (pointing to 'is'), Past Pr. (pointing to 'located'), Adj (pointing to 'mighty'), Sub (pointing to 'Himalayas').

are ← (arrow pointing from 'are' to 'is')

Among those dangerous criminals were sitting a terrified girl.

Diagram labels: P (pointing to 'Among'), DA Adj (pointing to 'dangerous'), Q/Adj (pointing to 'those'), PO (pointing to 'criminals'), H.V (pointing to 'were'), MV (pointing to 'sitting'), Adj (pointing to 'terrified'), Sub (pointing to 'girl').

was (written above 'were')

Past Pr. (written below 'sitting')

← (arrow pointing from 'was' to 'were')

#Use objective case of pronouns after:-Between, with, along with, but together with, including, excluding, except, like, unlike, followed by, accompanied by, in addition to, besides, and not, but not,, as well as, etc.  
#if two nouns are connected with these words, use verb acc. to the 1<sup>st</sup>one

Sub      P<sup>←</sup> P Adj      PO      has  
Rahul like his brothers have joined Army.

Sub      prep Ph      ←      PO      is  
The chief minister along with all the cabinet members are shouting.

Sub      prep Ph      ←      PO      is  
The queen accompanied by her maids are playing in the garden.

# When a proper noun is used as a subject singular verb is used

Sub has  
3 Idiots ~~have~~ conveyed a very strong message to the society.

has  
Billiards ~~have~~ become very famous among the youngsters.

axe  
The physics of this airplane ~~is~~ not right so it is not flying.



#One + of + noun (plural) + verb (singular)

#The +adj (subject) + verb (plural)

No boys ~~was~~ / were  
present in the hall.

Sub P ← PO P ← PO was

One of the buildings in our society were demolished by MCD.

Aman sir is one of the best teacher<sup>s</sup> in India.

The blind live a very difficult life.

No bird and animal are<sup>is</sup> able to live without water.

# #Complementary qualities/things/food items take singular verb

<sup>Adj</sup> Slow <sup>C</sup> and <sup>Adj</sup> steady <sup>V</sup> win <sup>Obj</sup> the race.  
wins

Time and tide <sup>wait</sup> waits for none.

Bread and butter <sup>is</sup> are my favourite breakfast.

Bread and butter <sup>axe</sup> is not sold here so you try somewhere else.

#Article + noun and article + noun = different people

#Article + noun and noun = same person

The actor and the (a)/singer <sup>have ✓</sup> has completed (b)/their project.(c)/ne(d)  
x

② the <sup>x</sup> (a)/singer <sup>①</sup> has returned (b)/form his tour.(c)/ne(d) <sup>①</sup>

The actor and the (a)/singer <sup>x</sup> has <sup>have ✓</sup> signed (b)/a deal with T-Series.(c)/ne(d)  
② <sup>①</sup> —

# #Use singular verb when gerunds or Infinitives are used as subjects

Writing poems are not an easy task so don't discourage her.

N → G    Obj of gerund    is    Adv    Adj    N(SC)    Conj    MV    Adv    MV    Obj  
Sub

To blame others for her mistakes have been Shivani's habit.

Sub (Inf)    Obj of inf    p ← p<sup>o</sup>

#Use verb according to the real subject and not according to the case in apposition.

*Sub*  
↖  
*Case in ap*      *am*  
I, Mohan Kumar, **is** responsible for all these problems.

*Sub*  
↖  
*Case in ap*      *have*  
You, Ajay Verma, **has** been selected by us for this post.

#Half/Most/Some/All/50%/One fourth/Plenty of/A lot/Lots + of-

1. Noun (countable plural ) + Verb (plural)
2. Noun ( countable singular ) + Verb (singular)
3. Noun (uncountable) + Verb (singular)

**Note :-**  $1/4 =$  one fourth,  $1/5 =$  one fifth

**:-**  $2/5 =$  two fifths,  $3/4 =$  three fourths

Half of the class <sup>✓</sup>is/are absent today.

Half of the students <sup>✓</sup>is/are absent today.

Half of the milk <sup>✓</sup>is/are used to make cheese.

20% of the sugar <sup>✓</sup>has/have been sold so far.

50% of the students <sup>✓</sup>has/have cleared the exam.

#When two nouns are joined with Either...or /  
Neither...nor / Not only...but also use verb acc.  
to the noun that is nearer to the verb

Either Ram or his friends <sup>have</sup> has broken all these chairs.

Not only Anita but also her parents <sup>know</sup> knows me very well.

