

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 1 of 100)

Rule: Collective nouns take a singular verb if they act as a unit.

Pro Tip: Collective nouns work as a group.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The police has arrived. (Case 1)	The police have arrived.
2	A lot of money were spent. (Case 2)	A lot of money was spent.
3	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 3)	Physics is a difficult subject.
4	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 4)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
5	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 5)	One of my friends has arrived.
6	Everything were perfect. (Case 6)	Everything was perfect.
7	The news are shocking. (Case 7)	The news is shocking.
8	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 8)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
9	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 9)	Each of the girls sings well.
10	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 10)	Neither of the teams is ready.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 1: Apply the rule for page 1 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 2 of 100)

Rule: When two subjects are joined by 'or/nor', the verb agrees with the closest subject.

Pro Tip: Proximity rule: verb follows the nearest subject.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	A lot of money were spent. (Case 1)	A lot of money was spent.
2	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 2)	Physics is a difficult subject.
3	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 3)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
4	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 4)	One of my friends has arrived.
5	Everything were perfect. (Case 5)	Everything was perfect.
6	The news are shocking. (Case 6)	The news is shocking.
7	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 7)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
8	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 8)	Each of the girls sings well.
9	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 9)	Neither of the teams is ready.
10	The police has arrived. (Case 10)	The police have arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 2: Apply the rule for page 2 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 3 of 100)

Rule: Indefinite pronouns like 'each', 'everyone', 'neither' are singular.

Pro Tip: Always treat indefinite pronouns as singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 1)	Physics is a difficult subject.
2	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 2)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
3	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 3)	One of my friends has arrived.
4	Everything were perfect. (Case 4)	Everything was perfect.
5	The news are shocking. (Case 5)	The news is shocking.
6	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 6)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
7	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 7)	Each of the girls sings well.
8	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 8)	Neither of the teams is ready.
9	The police has arrived. (Case 9)	The police have arrived.
10	A lot of money were spent. (Case 10)	A lot of money was spent.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 3: Apply the rule for page 3 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 4 of 100)

Rule: Titles of books, movies, or songs are singular.

Pro Tip: Titles represent a single unit, hence singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 1)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
2	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 2)	One of my friends has arrived.
3	Everything were perfect. (Case 3)	Everything was perfect.
4	The news are shocking. (Case 4)	The news is shocking.
5	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 5)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
6	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 6)	Each of the girls sings well.
7	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 7)	Neither of the teams is ready.
8	The police has arrived. (Case 8)	The police have arrived.
9	A lot of money were spent. (Case 9)	A lot of money was spent.
10	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 10)	Physics is a difficult subject.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 4: Apply the rule for page 4 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 5 of 100)

Rule: Sums of money, periods of time, or distances are singular.

Pro Tip: Measurements act as a single amount.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 1)	One of my friends has arrived.
2	Everything were perfect. (Case 2)	Everything was perfect.
3	The news are shocking. (Case 3)	The news is shocking.
4	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 4)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
5	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 5)	Each of the girls sings well.
6	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 6)	Neither of the teams is ready.
7	The police has arrived. (Case 7)	The police have arrived.
8	A lot of money were spent. (Case 8)	A lot of money was spent.
9	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 9)	Physics is a difficult subject.
10	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 10)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 5: Apply the rule for page 5 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 6 of 100)

Rule: The expression 'a number of' is plural; 'the number of' is singular.

Pro Tip: Number rule: 'a' vs 'the' makes the difference.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Everything were perfect. (Case 1)	Everything was perfect.
2	The news are shocking. (Case 2)	The news is shocking.
3	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 3)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
4	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 4)	Each of the girls sings well.
5	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 5)	Neither of the teams is ready.
6	The police has arrived. (Case 6)	The police have arrived.
7	A lot of money were spent. (Case 7)	A lot of money was spent.
8	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 8)	Physics is a difficult subject.
9	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 9)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
10	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 10)	One of my friends has arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 6: Apply the rule for page 6 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 7 of 100)

Rule: Subjects separated by 'along with', 'as well as', 'together with' take the verb of the first subject.

Pro Tip: Ignore the extra subjects in prepositional phrases.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The news are shocking. (Case 1)	The news is shocking.
2	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 2)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
3	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 3)	Each of the girls sings well.
4	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 4)	Neither of the teams is ready.
5	The police has arrived. (Case 5)	The police have arrived.
6	A lot of money were spent. (Case 6)	A lot of money was spent.
7	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 7)	Physics is a difficult subject.
8	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 8)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
9	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 9)	One of my friends has arrived.
10	Everything were perfect. (Case 10)	Everything was perfect.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 7: Apply the rule for page 7 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 8 of 100)

Rule: Use a singular verb with singular subjects connected by 'either...or' / 'neither...nor'.

Pro Tip: Either/or logic: singular pairing.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 1)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
2	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 2)	Each of the girls sings well.
3	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 3)	Neither of the teams is ready.
4	The police has arrived. (Case 4)	The police have arrived.
5	A lot of money were spent. (Case 5)	A lot of money was spent.
6	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 6)	Physics is a difficult subject.
7	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 7)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
8	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 8)	One of my friends has arrived.
9	Everything were perfect. (Case 9)	Everything was perfect.
10	The news are shocking. (Case 10)	The news is shocking.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 8: Apply the rule for page 8 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 9 of 100)

Rule: Relative pronouns (who, that, which) refer to the nearest antecedent.

Pro Tip: Relative pronoun agreement: look to the noun before it.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 1)	Each of the girls sings well.
2	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 2)	Neither of the teams is ready.
3	The police has arrived. (Case 3)	The police have arrived.
4	A lot of money were spent. (Case 4)	A lot of money was spent.
5	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 5)	Physics is a difficult subject.
6	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 6)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
7	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 7)	One of my friends has arrived.
8	Everything were perfect. (Case 8)	Everything was perfect.
9	The news are shocking. (Case 9)	The news is shocking.
10	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 10)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 9: Apply the rule for page 9 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 10 of 100)

Rule: When subjects are joined by 'and', the verb is plural.

Pro Tip: The rule of addition: plural verb.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 1)	Neither of the teams is ready.
2	The police has arrived. (Case 2)	The police have arrived.
3	A lot of money were spent. (Case 3)	A lot of money was spent.
4	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 4)	Physics is a difficult subject.
5	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 5)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
6	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 6)	One of my friends has arrived.
7	Everything were perfect. (Case 7)	Everything was perfect.
8	The news are shocking. (Case 8)	The news is shocking.
9	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 9)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
10	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 10)	Each of the girls sings well.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 10: Apply the rule for page 10 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 11 of 100)

Rule: Collective nouns take a singular verb if they act as a unit.

Pro Tip: Collective nouns work as a group.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The police has arrived. (Case 1)	The police have arrived.
2	A lot of money were spent. (Case 2)	A lot of money was spent.
3	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 3)	Physics is a difficult subject.
4	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 4)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
5	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 5)	One of my friends has arrived.
6	Everything were perfect. (Case 6)	Everything was perfect.
7	The news are shocking. (Case 7)	The news is shocking.
8	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 8)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
9	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 9)	Each of the girls sings well.
10	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 10)	Neither of the teams is ready.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 11: Apply the rule for page 11 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 12 of 100)

Rule: When two subjects are joined by 'or/nor', the verb agrees with the closest subject.

Pro Tip: Proximity rule: verb follows the nearest subject.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	A lot of money were spent. (Case 1)	A lot of money was spent.
2	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 2)	Physics is a difficult subject.
3	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 3)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
4	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 4)	One of my friends has arrived.
5	Everything were perfect. (Case 5)	Everything was perfect.
6	The news are shocking. (Case 6)	The news is shocking.
7	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 7)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
8	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 8)	Each of the girls sings well.
9	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 9)	Neither of the teams is ready.
10	The police has arrived. (Case 10)	The police have arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 12: Apply the rule for page 12 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 13 of 100)

Rule: Indefinite pronouns like 'each', 'everyone', 'neither' are singular.

Pro Tip: Always treat indefinite pronouns as singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 1)	Physics is a difficult subject.
2	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 2)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
3	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 3)	One of my friends has arrived.
4	Everything were perfect. (Case 4)	Everything was perfect.
5	The news are shocking. (Case 5)	The news is shocking.
6	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 6)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
7	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 7)	Each of the girls sings well.
8	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 8)	Neither of the teams is ready.
9	The police has arrived. (Case 9)	The police have arrived.
10	A lot of money were spent. (Case 10)	A lot of money was spent.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 13: Apply the rule for page 13 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 14 of 100)

Rule: Titles of books, movies, or songs are singular.

Pro Tip: Titles represent a single unit, hence singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 1)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
2	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 2)	One of my friends has arrived.
3	Everything were perfect. (Case 3)	Everything was perfect.
4	The news are shocking. (Case 4)	The news is shocking.
5	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 5)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
6	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 6)	Each of the girls sings well.
7	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 7)	Neither of the teams is ready.
8	The police has arrived. (Case 8)	The police have arrived.
9	A lot of money were spent. (Case 9)	A lot of money was spent.
10	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 10)	Physics is a difficult subject.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 14: Apply the rule for page 14 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 15 of 100)

Rule: Sums of money, periods of time, or distances are singular.

Pro Tip: Measurements act as a single amount.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 1)	One of my friends has arrived.
2	Everything were perfect. (Case 2)	Everything was perfect.
3	The news are shocking. (Case 3)	The news is shocking.
4	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 4)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
5	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 5)	Each of the girls sings well.
6	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 6)	Neither of the teams is ready.
7	The police has arrived. (Case 7)	The police have arrived.
8	A lot of money were spent. (Case 8)	A lot of money was spent.
9	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 9)	Physics is a difficult subject.
10	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 10)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 15: Apply the rule for page 15 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 16 of 100)

Rule: The expression 'a number of' is plural; 'the number of' is singular.

Pro Tip: Number rule: 'a' vs 'the' makes the difference.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Everything were perfect. (Case 1)	Everything was perfect.
2	The news are shocking. (Case 2)	The news is shocking.
3	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 3)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
4	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 4)	Each of the girls sings well.
5	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 5)	Neither of the teams is ready.
6	The police has arrived. (Case 6)	The police have arrived.
7	A lot of money were spent. (Case 7)	A lot of money was spent.
8	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 8)	Physics is a difficult subject.
9	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 9)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
10	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 10)	One of my friends has arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 16: Apply the rule for page 16 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 17 of 100)

Rule: Subjects separated by 'along with', 'as well as', 'together with' take the verb of the first subject.

Pro Tip: Ignore the extra subjects in prepositional phrases.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The news are shocking. (Case 1)	The news is shocking.
2	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 2)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
3	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 3)	Each of the girls sings well.
4	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 4)	Neither of the teams is ready.
5	The police has arrived. (Case 5)	The police have arrived.
6	A lot of money were spent. (Case 6)	A lot of money was spent.
7	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 7)	Physics is a difficult subject.
8	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 8)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
9	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 9)	One of my friends has arrived.
10	Everything were perfect. (Case 10)	Everything was perfect.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 17: Apply the rule for page 17 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 18 of 100)

Rule: Use a singular verb with singular subjects connected by 'either...or' / 'neither...nor'.

Pro Tip: Either/or logic: singular pairing.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 1)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
2	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 2)	Each of the girls sings well.
3	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 3)	Neither of the teams is ready.
4	The police has arrived. (Case 4)	The police have arrived.
5	A lot of money were spent. (Case 5)	A lot of money was spent.
6	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 6)	Physics is a difficult subject.
7	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 7)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
8	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 8)	One of my friends has arrived.
9	Everything were perfect. (Case 9)	Everything was perfect.
10	The news are shocking. (Case 10)	The news is shocking.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 18: Apply the rule for page 18 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 19 of 100)

Rule: Relative pronouns (who, that, which) refer to the nearest antecedent.

Pro Tip: Relative pronoun agreement: look to the noun before it.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 1)	Each of the girls sings well.
2	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 2)	Neither of the teams is ready.
3	The police has arrived. (Case 3)	The police have arrived.
4	A lot of money were spent. (Case 4)	A lot of money was spent.
5	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 5)	Physics is a difficult subject.
6	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 6)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
7	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 7)	One of my friends has arrived.
8	Everything were perfect. (Case 8)	Everything was perfect.
9	The news are shocking. (Case 9)	The news is shocking.
10	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 10)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 19: Apply the rule for page 19 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 20 of 100)

Rule: When subjects are joined by 'and', the verb is plural.

Pro Tip: The rule of addition: plural verb.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 1)	Neither of the teams is ready.
2	The police has arrived. (Case 2)	The police have arrived.
3	A lot of money were spent. (Case 3)	A lot of money was spent.
4	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 4)	Physics is a difficult subject.
5	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 5)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
6	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 6)	One of my friends has arrived.
7	Everything were perfect. (Case 7)	Everything was perfect.
8	The news are shocking. (Case 8)	The news is shocking.
9	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 9)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
10	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 10)	Each of the girls sings well.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 20: Apply the rule for page 20 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 21 of 100)

Rule: Collective nouns take a singular verb if they act as a unit.

Pro Tip: Collective nouns work as a group.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The police has arrived. (Case 1)	The police have arrived.
2	A lot of money were spent. (Case 2)	A lot of money was spent.
3	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 3)	Physics is a difficult subject.
4	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 4)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
5	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 5)	One of my friends has arrived.
6	Everything were perfect. (Case 6)	Everything was perfect.
7	The news are shocking. (Case 7)	The news is shocking.
8	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 8)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
9	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 9)	Each of the girls sings well.
10	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 10)	Neither of the teams is ready.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 21: Apply the rule for page 21 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 22 of 100)

Rule: When two subjects are joined by 'or/nor', the verb agrees with the closest subject.

Pro Tip: Proximity rule: verb follows the nearest subject.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	A lot of money were spent. (Case 1)	A lot of money was spent.
2	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 2)	Physics is a difficult subject.
3	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 3)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
4	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 4)	One of my friends has arrived.
5	Everything were perfect. (Case 5)	Everything was perfect.
6	The news are shocking. (Case 6)	The news is shocking.
7	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 7)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
8	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 8)	Each of the girls sings well.
9	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 9)	Neither of the teams is ready.
10	The police has arrived. (Case 10)	The police have arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 22: Apply the rule for page 22 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 23 of 100)

Rule: Indefinite pronouns like 'each', 'everyone', 'neither' are singular.

Pro Tip: Always treat indefinite pronouns as singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 1)	Physics is a difficult subject.
2	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 2)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
3	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 3)	One of my friends has arrived.
4	Everything were perfect. (Case 4)	Everything was perfect.
5	The news are shocking. (Case 5)	The news is shocking.
6	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 6)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
7	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 7)	Each of the girls sings well.
8	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 8)	Neither of the teams is ready.
9	The police has arrived. (Case 9)	The police have arrived.
10	A lot of money were spent. (Case 10)	A lot of money was spent.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 23: Apply the rule for page 23 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 24 of 100)

Rule: Titles of books, movies, or songs are singular.

Pro Tip: Titles represent a single unit, hence singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 1)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
2	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 2)	One of my friends has arrived.
3	Everything were perfect. (Case 3)	Everything was perfect.
4	The news are shocking. (Case 4)	The news is shocking.
5	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 5)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
6	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 6)	Each of the girls sings well.
7	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 7)	Neither of the teams is ready.
8	The police has arrived. (Case 8)	The police have arrived.
9	A lot of money were spent. (Case 9)	A lot of money was spent.
10	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 10)	Physics is a difficult subject.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 24: Apply the rule for page 24 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 25 of 100)

Rule: Sums of money, periods of time, or distances are singular.

Pro Tip: Measurements act as a single amount.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 1)	One of my friends has arrived.
2	Everything were perfect. (Case 2)	Everything was perfect.
3	The news are shocking. (Case 3)	The news is shocking.
4	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 4)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
5	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 5)	Each of the girls sings well.
6	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 6)	Neither of the teams is ready.
7	The police has arrived. (Case 7)	The police have arrived.
8	A lot of money were spent. (Case 8)	A lot of money was spent.
9	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 9)	Physics is a difficult subject.
10	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 10)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 25: Apply the rule for page 25 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 26 of 100)

Rule: The expression 'a number of' is plural; 'the number of' is singular.

Pro Tip: Number rule: 'a' vs 'the' makes the difference.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Everything were perfect. (Case 1)	Everything was perfect.
2	The news are shocking. (Case 2)	The news is shocking.
3	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 3)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
4	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 4)	Each of the girls sings well.
5	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 5)	Neither of the teams is ready.
6	The police has arrived. (Case 6)	The police have arrived.
7	A lot of money were spent. (Case 7)	A lot of money was spent.
8	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 8)	Physics is a difficult subject.
9	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 9)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
10	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 10)	One of my friends has arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 26: Apply the rule for page 26 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 27 of 100)

Rule: Subjects separated by 'along with', 'as well as', 'together with' take the verb of the first subject.

Pro Tip: Ignore the extra subjects in prepositional phrases.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The news are shocking. (Case 1)	The news is shocking.
2	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 2)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
3	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 3)	Each of the girls sings well.
4	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 4)	Neither of the teams is ready.
5	The police has arrived. (Case 5)	The police have arrived.
6	A lot of money were spent. (Case 6)	A lot of money was spent.
7	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 7)	Physics is a difficult subject.
8	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 8)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
9	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 9)	One of my friends has arrived.
10	Everything were perfect. (Case 10)	Everything was perfect.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 27: Apply the rule for page 27 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 28 of 100)

Rule: Use a singular verb with singular subjects connected by 'either...or' / 'neither...nor'.

Pro Tip: Either/or logic: singular pairing.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 1)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
2	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 2)	Each of the girls sings well.
3	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 3)	Neither of the teams is ready.
4	The police has arrived. (Case 4)	The police have arrived.
5	A lot of money were spent. (Case 5)	A lot of money was spent.
6	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 6)	Physics is a difficult subject.
7	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 7)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
8	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 8)	One of my friends has arrived.
9	Everything were perfect. (Case 9)	Everything was perfect.
10	The news are shocking. (Case 10)	The news is shocking.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 28: Apply the rule for page 28 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 29 of 100)

Rule: Relative pronouns (who, that, which) refer to the nearest antecedent.

Pro Tip: Relative pronoun agreement: look to the noun before it.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 1)	Each of the girls sings well.
2	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 2)	Neither of the teams is ready.
3	The police has arrived. (Case 3)	The police have arrived.
4	A lot of money were spent. (Case 4)	A lot of money was spent.
5	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 5)	Physics is a difficult subject.
6	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 6)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
7	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 7)	One of my friends has arrived.
8	Everything were perfect. (Case 8)	Everything was perfect.
9	The news are shocking. (Case 9)	The news is shocking.
10	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 10)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 29: Apply the rule for page 29 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 30 of 100)

Rule: When subjects are joined by 'and', the verb is plural.

Pro Tip: The rule of addition: plural verb.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 1)	Neither of the teams is ready.
2	The police has arrived. (Case 2)	The police have arrived.
3	A lot of money were spent. (Case 3)	A lot of money was spent.
4	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 4)	Physics is a difficult subject.
5	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 5)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
6	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 6)	One of my friends has arrived.
7	Everything were perfect. (Case 7)	Everything was perfect.
8	The news are shocking. (Case 8)	The news is shocking.
9	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 9)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
10	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 10)	Each of the girls sings well.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 30: Apply the rule for page 30 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 31 of 100)

Rule: Collective nouns take a singular verb if they act as a unit.

Pro Tip: Collective nouns work as a group.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The police has arrived. (Case 1)	The police have arrived.
2	A lot of money were spent. (Case 2)	A lot of money was spent.
3	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 3)	Physics is a difficult subject.
4	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 4)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
5	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 5)	One of my friends has arrived.
6	Everything were perfect. (Case 6)	Everything was perfect.
7	The news are shocking. (Case 7)	The news is shocking.
8	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 8)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
9	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 9)	Each of the girls sings well.
10	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 10)	Neither of the teams is ready.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 31: Apply the rule for page 31 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 32 of 100)

Rule: When two subjects are joined by 'or/nor', the verb agrees with the closest subject.

Pro Tip: Proximity rule: verb follows the nearest subject.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	A lot of money were spent. (Case 1)	A lot of money was spent.
2	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 2)	Physics is a difficult subject.
3	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 3)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
4	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 4)	One of my friends has arrived.
5	Everything were perfect. (Case 5)	Everything was perfect.
6	The news are shocking. (Case 6)	The news is shocking.
7	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 7)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
8	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 8)	Each of the girls sings well.
9	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 9)	Neither of the teams is ready.
10	The police has arrived. (Case 10)	The police have arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 32: Apply the rule for page 32 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 33 of 100)

Rule: Indefinite pronouns like 'each', 'everyone', 'neither' are singular.

Pro Tip: Always treat indefinite pronouns as singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 1)	Physics is a difficult subject.
2	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 2)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
3	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 3)	One of my friends has arrived.
4	Everything were perfect. (Case 4)	Everything was perfect.
5	The news are shocking. (Case 5)	The news is shocking.
6	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 6)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
7	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 7)	Each of the girls sings well.
8	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 8)	Neither of the teams is ready.
9	The police has arrived. (Case 9)	The police have arrived.
10	A lot of money were spent. (Case 10)	A lot of money was spent.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 33: Apply the rule for page 33 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 34 of 100)

Rule: Titles of books, movies, or songs are singular.

Pro Tip: Titles represent a single unit, hence singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 1)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
2	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 2)	One of my friends has arrived.
3	Everything were perfect. (Case 3)	Everything was perfect.
4	The news are shocking. (Case 4)	The news is shocking.
5	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 5)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
6	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 6)	Each of the girls sings well.
7	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 7)	Neither of the teams is ready.
8	The police has arrived. (Case 8)	The police have arrived.
9	A lot of money were spent. (Case 9)	A lot of money was spent.
10	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 10)	Physics is a difficult subject.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 34: Apply the rule for page 34 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 35 of 100)

Rule: Sums of money, periods of time, or distances are singular.

Pro Tip: Measurements act as a single amount.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 1)	One of my friends has arrived.
2	Everything were perfect. (Case 2)	Everything was perfect.
3	The news are shocking. (Case 3)	The news is shocking.
4	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 4)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
5	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 5)	Each of the girls sings well.
6	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 6)	Neither of the teams is ready.
7	The police has arrived. (Case 7)	The police have arrived.
8	A lot of money were spent. (Case 8)	A lot of money was spent.
9	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 9)	Physics is a difficult subject.
10	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 10)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 35: Apply the rule for page 35 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 36 of 100)

Rule: The expression 'a number of' is plural; 'the number of' is singular.

Pro Tip: Number rule: 'a' vs 'the' makes the difference.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Everything were perfect. (Case 1)	Everything was perfect.
2	The news are shocking. (Case 2)	The news is shocking.
3	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 3)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
4	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 4)	Each of the girls sings well.
5	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 5)	Neither of the teams is ready.
6	The police has arrived. (Case 6)	The police have arrived.
7	A lot of money were spent. (Case 7)	A lot of money was spent.
8	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 8)	Physics is a difficult subject.
9	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 9)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
10	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 10)	One of my friends has arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 36: Apply the rule for page 36 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 37 of 100)

Rule: Subjects separated by 'along with', 'as well as', 'together with' take the verb of the first subject.

Pro Tip: Ignore the extra subjects in prepositional phrases.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The news are shocking. (Case 1)	The news is shocking.
2	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 2)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
3	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 3)	Each of the girls sings well.
4	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 4)	Neither of the teams is ready.
5	The police has arrived. (Case 5)	The police have arrived.
6	A lot of money were spent. (Case 6)	A lot of money was spent.
7	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 7)	Physics is a difficult subject.
8	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 8)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
9	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 9)	One of my friends has arrived.
10	Everything were perfect. (Case 10)	Everything was perfect.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 37: Apply the rule for page 37 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 38 of 100)

Rule: Use a singular verb with singular subjects connected by 'either...or' / 'neither...nor'.

Pro Tip: Either/or logic: singular pairing.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 1)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
2	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 2)	Each of the girls sings well.
3	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 3)	Neither of the teams is ready.
4	The police has arrived. (Case 4)	The police have arrived.
5	A lot of money were spent. (Case 5)	A lot of money was spent.
6	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 6)	Physics is a difficult subject.
7	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 7)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
8	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 8)	One of my friends has arrived.
9	Everything were perfect. (Case 9)	Everything was perfect.
10	The news are shocking. (Case 10)	The news is shocking.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 38: Apply the rule for page 38 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 39 of 100)

Rule: Relative pronouns (who, that, which) refer to the nearest antecedent.

Pro Tip: Relative pronoun agreement: look to the noun before it.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 1)	Each of the girls sings well.
2	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 2)	Neither of the teams is ready.
3	The police has arrived. (Case 3)	The police have arrived.
4	A lot of money were spent. (Case 4)	A lot of money was spent.
5	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 5)	Physics is a difficult subject.
6	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 6)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
7	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 7)	One of my friends has arrived.
8	Everything were perfect. (Case 8)	Everything was perfect.
9	The news are shocking. (Case 9)	The news is shocking.
10	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 10)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 39: Apply the rule for page 39 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 40 of 100)

Rule: When subjects are joined by 'and', the verb is plural.

Pro Tip: The rule of addition: plural verb.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 1)	Neither of the teams is ready.
2	The police has arrived. (Case 2)	The police have arrived.
3	A lot of money were spent. (Case 3)	A lot of money was spent.
4	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 4)	Physics is a difficult subject.
5	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 5)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
6	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 6)	One of my friends has arrived.
7	Everything were perfect. (Case 7)	Everything was perfect.
8	The news are shocking. (Case 8)	The news is shocking.
9	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 9)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
10	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 10)	Each of the girls sings well.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 40: Apply the rule for page 40 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 41 of 100)

Rule: Collective nouns take a singular verb if they act as a unit.

Pro Tip: Collective nouns work as a group.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The police has arrived. (Case 1)	The police have arrived.
2	A lot of money were spent. (Case 2)	A lot of money was spent.
3	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 3)	Physics is a difficult subject.
4	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 4)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
5	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 5)	One of my friends has arrived.
6	Everything were perfect. (Case 6)	Everything was perfect.
7	The news are shocking. (Case 7)	The news is shocking.
8	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 8)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
9	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 9)	Each of the girls sings well.
10	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 10)	Neither of the teams is ready.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 41: Apply the rule for page 41 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 42 of 100)

Rule: When two subjects are joined by 'or/nor', the verb agrees with the closest subject.

Pro Tip: Proximity rule: verb follows the nearest subject.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	A lot of money were spent. (Case 1)	A lot of money was spent.
2	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 2)	Physics is a difficult subject.
3	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 3)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
4	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 4)	One of my friends has arrived.
5	Everything were perfect. (Case 5)	Everything was perfect.
6	The news are shocking. (Case 6)	The news is shocking.
7	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 7)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
8	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 8)	Each of the girls sings well.
9	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 9)	Neither of the teams is ready.
10	The police has arrived. (Case 10)	The police have arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 42: Apply the rule for page 42 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 43 of 100)

Rule: Indefinite pronouns like 'each', 'everyone', 'neither' are singular.

Pro Tip: Always treat indefinite pronouns as singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 1)	Physics is a difficult subject.
2	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 2)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
3	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 3)	One of my friends has arrived.
4	Everything were perfect. (Case 4)	Everything was perfect.
5	The news are shocking. (Case 5)	The news is shocking.
6	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 6)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
7	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 7)	Each of the girls sings well.
8	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 8)	Neither of the teams is ready.
9	The police has arrived. (Case 9)	The police have arrived.
10	A lot of money were spent. (Case 10)	A lot of money was spent.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 43: Apply the rule for page 43 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 44 of 100)

Rule: Titles of books, movies, or songs are singular.

Pro Tip: Titles represent a single unit, hence singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 1)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
2	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 2)	One of my friends has arrived.
3	Everything were perfect. (Case 3)	Everything was perfect.
4	The news are shocking. (Case 4)	The news is shocking.
5	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 5)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
6	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 6)	Each of the girls sings well.
7	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 7)	Neither of the teams is ready.
8	The police has arrived. (Case 8)	The police have arrived.
9	A lot of money were spent. (Case 9)	A lot of money was spent.
10	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 10)	Physics is a difficult subject.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 44: Apply the rule for page 44 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 45 of 100)

Rule: Sums of money, periods of time, or distances are singular.

Pro Tip: Measurements act as a single amount.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 1)	One of my friends has arrived.
2	Everything were perfect. (Case 2)	Everything was perfect.
3	The news are shocking. (Case 3)	The news is shocking.
4	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 4)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
5	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 5)	Each of the girls sings well.
6	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 6)	Neither of the teams is ready.
7	The police has arrived. (Case 7)	The police have arrived.
8	A lot of money were spent. (Case 8)	A lot of money was spent.
9	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 9)	Physics is a difficult subject.
10	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 10)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 45: Apply the rule for page 45 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 46 of 100)

Rule: The expression 'a number of' is plural; 'the number of' is singular.

Pro Tip: Number rule: 'a' vs 'the' makes the difference.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Everything were perfect. (Case 1)	Everything was perfect.
2	The news are shocking. (Case 2)	The news is shocking.
3	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 3)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
4	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 4)	Each of the girls sings well.
5	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 5)	Neither of the teams is ready.
6	The police has arrived. (Case 6)	The police have arrived.
7	A lot of money were spent. (Case 7)	A lot of money was spent.
8	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 8)	Physics is a difficult subject.
9	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 9)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
10	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 10)	One of my friends has arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 46: Apply the rule for page 46 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 47 of 100)

Rule: Subjects separated by 'along with', 'as well as', 'together with' take the verb of the first subject.

Pro Tip: Ignore the extra subjects in prepositional phrases.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The news are shocking. (Case 1)	The news is shocking.
2	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 2)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
3	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 3)	Each of the girls sings well.
4	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 4)	Neither of the teams is ready.
5	The police has arrived. (Case 5)	The police have arrived.
6	A lot of money were spent. (Case 6)	A lot of money was spent.
7	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 7)	Physics is a difficult subject.
8	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 8)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
9	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 9)	One of my friends has arrived.
10	Everything were perfect. (Case 10)	Everything was perfect.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 47: Apply the rule for page 47 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 48 of 100)

Rule: Use a singular verb with singular subjects connected by 'either...or' / 'neither...nor'.

Pro Tip: Either/or logic: singular pairing.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 1)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
2	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 2)	Each of the girls sings well.
3	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 3)	Neither of the teams is ready.
4	The police has arrived. (Case 4)	The police have arrived.
5	A lot of money were spent. (Case 5)	A lot of money was spent.
6	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 6)	Physics is a difficult subject.
7	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 7)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
8	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 8)	One of my friends has arrived.
9	Everything were perfect. (Case 9)	Everything was perfect.
10	The news are shocking. (Case 10)	The news is shocking.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 48: Apply the rule for page 48 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 49 of 100)

Rule: Relative pronouns (who, that, which) refer to the nearest antecedent.

Pro Tip: Relative pronoun agreement: look to the noun before it.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 1)	Each of the girls sings well.
2	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 2)	Neither of the teams is ready.
3	The police has arrived. (Case 3)	The police have arrived.
4	A lot of money were spent. (Case 4)	A lot of money was spent.
5	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 5)	Physics is a difficult subject.
6	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 6)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
7	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 7)	One of my friends has arrived.
8	Everything were perfect. (Case 8)	Everything was perfect.
9	The news are shocking. (Case 9)	The news is shocking.
10	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 10)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 49: Apply the rule for page 49 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 50 of 100)

Rule: When subjects are joined by 'and', the verb is plural.

Pro Tip: The rule of addition: plural verb.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 1)	Neither of the teams is ready.
2	The police has arrived. (Case 2)	The police have arrived.
3	A lot of money were spent. (Case 3)	A lot of money was spent.
4	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 4)	Physics is a difficult subject.
5	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 5)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
6	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 6)	One of my friends has arrived.
7	Everything were perfect. (Case 7)	Everything was perfect.
8	The news are shocking. (Case 8)	The news is shocking.
9	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 9)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
10	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 10)	Each of the girls sings well.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 50: Apply the rule for page 50 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 51 of 100)

Rule: Collective nouns take a singular verb if they act as a unit.

Pro Tip: Collective nouns work as a group.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The police has arrived. (Case 1)	The police have arrived.
2	A lot of money were spent. (Case 2)	A lot of money was spent.
3	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 3)	Physics is a difficult subject.
4	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 4)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
5	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 5)	One of my friends has arrived.
6	Everything were perfect. (Case 6)	Everything was perfect.
7	The news are shocking. (Case 7)	The news is shocking.
8	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 8)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
9	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 9)	Each of the girls sings well.
10	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 10)	Neither of the teams is ready.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 51: Apply the rule for page 51 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 52 of 100)

Rule: When two subjects are joined by 'or/nor', the verb agrees with the closest subject.

Pro Tip: Proximity rule: verb follows the nearest subject.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	A lot of money were spent. (Case 1)	A lot of money was spent.
2	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 2)	Physics is a difficult subject.
3	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 3)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
4	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 4)	One of my friends has arrived.
5	Everything were perfect. (Case 5)	Everything was perfect.
6	The news are shocking. (Case 6)	The news is shocking.
7	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 7)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
8	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 8)	Each of the girls sings well.
9	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 9)	Neither of the teams is ready.
10	The police has arrived. (Case 10)	The police have arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 52: Apply the rule for page 52 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 53 of 100)

Rule: Indefinite pronouns like 'each', 'everyone', 'neither' are singular.

Pro Tip: Always treat indefinite pronouns as singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 1)	Physics is a difficult subject.
2	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 2)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
3	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 3)	One of my friends has arrived.
4	Everything were perfect. (Case 4)	Everything was perfect.
5	The news are shocking. (Case 5)	The news is shocking.
6	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 6)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
7	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 7)	Each of the girls sings well.
8	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 8)	Neither of the teams is ready.
9	The police has arrived. (Case 9)	The police have arrived.
10	A lot of money were spent. (Case 10)	A lot of money was spent.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 53: Apply the rule for page 53 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 54 of 100)

Rule: Titles of books, movies, or songs are singular.

Pro Tip: Titles represent a single unit, hence singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 1)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
2	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 2)	One of my friends has arrived.
3	Everything were perfect. (Case 3)	Everything was perfect.
4	The news are shocking. (Case 4)	The news is shocking.
5	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 5)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
6	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 6)	Each of the girls sings well.
7	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 7)	Neither of the teams is ready.
8	The police has arrived. (Case 8)	The police have arrived.
9	A lot of money were spent. (Case 9)	A lot of money was spent.
10	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 10)	Physics is a difficult subject.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 54: Apply the rule for page 54 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 55 of 100)

Rule: Sums of money, periods of time, or distances are singular.

Pro Tip: Measurements act as a single amount.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 1)	One of my friends has arrived.
2	Everything were perfect. (Case 2)	Everything was perfect.
3	The news are shocking. (Case 3)	The news is shocking.
4	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 4)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
5	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 5)	Each of the girls sings well.
6	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 6)	Neither of the teams is ready.
7	The police has arrived. (Case 7)	The police have arrived.
8	A lot of money were spent. (Case 8)	A lot of money was spent.
9	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 9)	Physics is a difficult subject.
10	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 10)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 55: Apply the rule for page 55 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 56 of 100)

Rule: The expression 'a number of' is plural; 'the number of' is singular.

Pro Tip: Number rule: 'a' vs 'the' makes the difference.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Everything were perfect. (Case 1)	Everything was perfect.
2	The news are shocking. (Case 2)	The news is shocking.
3	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 3)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
4	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 4)	Each of the girls sings well.
5	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 5)	Neither of the teams is ready.
6	The police has arrived. (Case 6)	The police have arrived.
7	A lot of money were spent. (Case 7)	A lot of money was spent.
8	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 8)	Physics is a difficult subject.
9	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 9)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
10	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 10)	One of my friends has arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 56: Apply the rule for page 56 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 57 of 100)

Rule: Subjects separated by 'along with', 'as well as', 'together with' take the verb of the first subject.

Pro Tip: Ignore the extra subjects in prepositional phrases.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The news are shocking. (Case 1)	The news is shocking.
2	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 2)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
3	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 3)	Each of the girls sings well.
4	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 4)	Neither of the teams is ready.
5	The police has arrived. (Case 5)	The police have arrived.
6	A lot of money were spent. (Case 6)	A lot of money was spent.
7	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 7)	Physics is a difficult subject.
8	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 8)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
9	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 9)	One of my friends has arrived.
10	Everything were perfect. (Case 10)	Everything was perfect.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 57: Apply the rule for page 57 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 58 of 100)

Rule: Use a singular verb with singular subjects connected by 'either...or' / 'neither...nor'.

Pro Tip: Either/or logic: singular pairing.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 1)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
2	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 2)	Each of the girls sings well.
3	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 3)	Neither of the teams is ready.
4	The police has arrived. (Case 4)	The police have arrived.
5	A lot of money were spent. (Case 5)	A lot of money was spent.
6	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 6)	Physics is a difficult subject.
7	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 7)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
8	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 8)	One of my friends has arrived.
9	Everything were perfect. (Case 9)	Everything was perfect.
10	The news are shocking. (Case 10)	The news is shocking.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 58: Apply the rule for page 58 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 59 of 100)

Rule: Relative pronouns (who, that, which) refer to the nearest antecedent.

Pro Tip: Relative pronoun agreement: look to the noun before it.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 1)	Each of the girls sings well.
2	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 2)	Neither of the teams is ready.
3	The police has arrived. (Case 3)	The police have arrived.
4	A lot of money were spent. (Case 4)	A lot of money was spent.
5	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 5)	Physics is a difficult subject.
6	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 6)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
7	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 7)	One of my friends has arrived.
8	Everything were perfect. (Case 8)	Everything was perfect.
9	The news are shocking. (Case 9)	The news is shocking.
10	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 10)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 59: Apply the rule for page 59 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 60 of 100)

Rule: When subjects are joined by 'and', the verb is plural.

Pro Tip: The rule of addition: plural verb.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 1)	Neither of the teams is ready.
2	The police has arrived. (Case 2)	The police have arrived.
3	A lot of money were spent. (Case 3)	A lot of money was spent.
4	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 4)	Physics is a difficult subject.
5	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 5)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
6	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 6)	One of my friends has arrived.
7	Everything were perfect. (Case 7)	Everything was perfect.
8	The news are shocking. (Case 8)	The news is shocking.
9	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 9)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
10	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 10)	Each of the girls sings well.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 60: Apply the rule for page 60 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 61 of 100)

Rule: Collective nouns take a singular verb if they act as a unit.

Pro Tip: Collective nouns work as a group.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The police has arrived. (Case 1)	The police have arrived.
2	A lot of money were spent. (Case 2)	A lot of money was spent.
3	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 3)	Physics is a difficult subject.
4	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 4)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
5	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 5)	One of my friends has arrived.
6	Everything were perfect. (Case 6)	Everything was perfect.
7	The news are shocking. (Case 7)	The news is shocking.
8	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 8)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
9	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 9)	Each of the girls sings well.
10	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 10)	Neither of the teams is ready.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 61: Apply the rule for page 61 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 62 of 100)

Rule: When two subjects are joined by 'or/nor', the verb agrees with the closest subject.

Pro Tip: Proximity rule: verb follows the nearest subject.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	A lot of money were spent. (Case 1)	A lot of money was spent.
2	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 2)	Physics is a difficult subject.
3	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 3)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
4	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 4)	One of my friends has arrived.
5	Everything were perfect. (Case 5)	Everything was perfect.
6	The news are shocking. (Case 6)	The news is shocking.
7	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 7)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
8	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 8)	Each of the girls sings well.
9	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 9)	Neither of the teams is ready.
10	The police has arrived. (Case 10)	The police have arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 62: Apply the rule for page 62 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 63 of 100)

Rule: Indefinite pronouns like 'each', 'everyone', 'neither' are singular.

Pro Tip: Always treat indefinite pronouns as singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 1)	Physics is a difficult subject.
2	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 2)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
3	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 3)	One of my friends has arrived.
4	Everything were perfect. (Case 4)	Everything was perfect.
5	The news are shocking. (Case 5)	The news is shocking.
6	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 6)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
7	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 7)	Each of the girls sings well.
8	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 8)	Neither of the teams is ready.
9	The police has arrived. (Case 9)	The police have arrived.
10	A lot of money were spent. (Case 10)	A lot of money was spent.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 63: Apply the rule for page 63 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 64 of 100)

Rule: Titles of books, movies, or songs are singular.

Pro Tip: Titles represent a single unit, hence singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 1)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
2	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 2)	One of my friends has arrived.
3	Everything were perfect. (Case 3)	Everything was perfect.
4	The news are shocking. (Case 4)	The news is shocking.
5	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 5)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
6	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 6)	Each of the girls sings well.
7	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 7)	Neither of the teams is ready.
8	The police has arrived. (Case 8)	The police have arrived.
9	A lot of money were spent. (Case 9)	A lot of money was spent.
10	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 10)	Physics is a difficult subject.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 64: Apply the rule for page 64 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 65 of 100)

Rule: Sums of money, periods of time, or distances are singular.

Pro Tip: Measurements act as a single amount.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 1)	One of my friends has arrived.
2	Everything were perfect. (Case 2)	Everything was perfect.
3	The news are shocking. (Case 3)	The news is shocking.
4	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 4)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
5	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 5)	Each of the girls sings well.
6	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 6)	Neither of the teams is ready.
7	The police has arrived. (Case 7)	The police have arrived.
8	A lot of money were spent. (Case 8)	A lot of money was spent.
9	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 9)	Physics is a difficult subject.
10	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 10)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 65: Apply the rule for page 65 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 66 of 100)

Rule: The expression 'a number of' is plural; 'the number of' is singular.

Pro Tip: Number rule: 'a' vs 'the' makes the difference.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Everything were perfect. (Case 1)	Everything was perfect.
2	The news are shocking. (Case 2)	The news is shocking.
3	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 3)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
4	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 4)	Each of the girls sings well.
5	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 5)	Neither of the teams is ready.
6	The police has arrived. (Case 6)	The police have arrived.
7	A lot of money were spent. (Case 7)	A lot of money was spent.
8	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 8)	Physics is a difficult subject.
9	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 9)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
10	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 10)	One of my friends has arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 66: Apply the rule for page 66 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 67 of 100)

Rule: Subjects separated by 'along with', 'as well as', 'together with' take the verb of the first subject.

Pro Tip: Ignore the extra subjects in prepositional phrases.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The news are shocking. (Case 1)	The news is shocking.
2	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 2)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
3	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 3)	Each of the girls sings well.
4	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 4)	Neither of the teams is ready.
5	The police has arrived. (Case 5)	The police have arrived.
6	A lot of money were spent. (Case 6)	A lot of money was spent.
7	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 7)	Physics is a difficult subject.
8	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 8)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
9	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 9)	One of my friends has arrived.
10	Everything were perfect. (Case 10)	Everything was perfect.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 67: Apply the rule for page 67 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 68 of 100)

Rule: Use a singular verb with singular subjects connected by 'either...or' / 'neither...nor'.

Pro Tip: Either/or logic: singular pairing.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 1)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
2	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 2)	Each of the girls sings well.
3	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 3)	Neither of the teams is ready.
4	The police has arrived. (Case 4)	The police have arrived.
5	A lot of money were spent. (Case 5)	A lot of money was spent.
6	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 6)	Physics is a difficult subject.
7	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 7)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
8	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 8)	One of my friends has arrived.
9	Everything were perfect. (Case 9)	Everything was perfect.
10	The news are shocking. (Case 10)	The news is shocking.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 68: Apply the rule for page 68 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 69 of 100)

Rule: Relative pronouns (who, that, which) refer to the nearest antecedent.

Pro Tip: Relative pronoun agreement: look to the noun before it.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 1)	Each of the girls sings well.
2	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 2)	Neither of the teams is ready.
3	The police has arrived. (Case 3)	The police have arrived.
4	A lot of money were spent. (Case 4)	A lot of money was spent.
5	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 5)	Physics is a difficult subject.
6	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 6)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
7	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 7)	One of my friends has arrived.
8	Everything were perfect. (Case 8)	Everything was perfect.
9	The news are shocking. (Case 9)	The news is shocking.
10	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 10)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 69: Apply the rule for page 69 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 70 of 100)

Rule: When subjects are joined by 'and', the verb is plural.

Pro Tip: The rule of addition: plural verb.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 1)	Neither of the teams is ready.
2	The police has arrived. (Case 2)	The police have arrived.
3	A lot of money were spent. (Case 3)	A lot of money was spent.
4	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 4)	Physics is a difficult subject.
5	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 5)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
6	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 6)	One of my friends has arrived.
7	Everything were perfect. (Case 7)	Everything was perfect.
8	The news are shocking. (Case 8)	The news is shocking.
9	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 9)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
10	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 10)	Each of the girls sings well.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 70: Apply the rule for page 70 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 71 of 100)

Rule: Collective nouns take a singular verb if they act as a unit.

Pro Tip: Collective nouns work as a group.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The police has arrived. (Case 1)	The police have arrived.
2	A lot of money were spent. (Case 2)	A lot of money was spent.
3	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 3)	Physics is a difficult subject.
4	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 4)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
5	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 5)	One of my friends has arrived.
6	Everything were perfect. (Case 6)	Everything was perfect.
7	The news are shocking. (Case 7)	The news is shocking.
8	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 8)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
9	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 9)	Each of the girls sings well.
10	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 10)	Neither of the teams is ready.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 71: Apply the rule for page 71 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 72 of 100)

Rule: When two subjects are joined by 'or/nor', the verb agrees with the closest subject.

Pro Tip: Proximity rule: verb follows the nearest subject.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	A lot of money were spent. (Case 1)	A lot of money was spent.
2	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 2)	Physics is a difficult subject.
3	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 3)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
4	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 4)	One of my friends has arrived.
5	Everything were perfect. (Case 5)	Everything was perfect.
6	The news are shocking. (Case 6)	The news is shocking.
7	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 7)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
8	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 8)	Each of the girls sings well.
9	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 9)	Neither of the teams is ready.
10	The police has arrived. (Case 10)	The police have arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 72: Apply the rule for page 72 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 73 of 100)

Rule: Indefinite pronouns like 'each', 'everyone', 'neither' are singular.

Pro Tip: Always treat indefinite pronouns as singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 1)	Physics is a difficult subject.
2	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 2)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
3	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 3)	One of my friends has arrived.
4	Everything were perfect. (Case 4)	Everything was perfect.
5	The news are shocking. (Case 5)	The news is shocking.
6	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 6)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
7	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 7)	Each of the girls sings well.
8	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 8)	Neither of the teams is ready.
9	The police has arrived. (Case 9)	The police have arrived.
10	A lot of money were spent. (Case 10)	A lot of money was spent.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 73: Apply the rule for page 73 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 74 of 100)

Rule: Titles of books, movies, or songs are singular.

Pro Tip: Titles represent a single unit, hence singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 1)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
2	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 2)	One of my friends has arrived.
3	Everything were perfect. (Case 3)	Everything was perfect.
4	The news are shocking. (Case 4)	The news is shocking.
5	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 5)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
6	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 6)	Each of the girls sings well.
7	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 7)	Neither of the teams is ready.
8	The police has arrived. (Case 8)	The police have arrived.
9	A lot of money were spent. (Case 9)	A lot of money was spent.
10	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 10)	Physics is a difficult subject.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 74: Apply the rule for page 74 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 75 of 100)

Rule: Sums of money, periods of time, or distances are singular.

Pro Tip: Measurements act as a single amount.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 1)	One of my friends has arrived.
2	Everything were perfect. (Case 2)	Everything was perfect.
3	The news are shocking. (Case 3)	The news is shocking.
4	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 4)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
5	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 5)	Each of the girls sings well.
6	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 6)	Neither of the teams is ready.
7	The police has arrived. (Case 7)	The police have arrived.
8	A lot of money were spent. (Case 8)	A lot of money was spent.
9	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 9)	Physics is a difficult subject.
10	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 10)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 75: Apply the rule for page 75 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 76 of 100)

Rule: The expression 'a number of' is plural; 'the number of' is singular.

Pro Tip: Number rule: 'a' vs 'the' makes the difference.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Everything were perfect. (Case 1)	Everything was perfect.
2	The news are shocking. (Case 2)	The news is shocking.
3	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 3)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
4	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 4)	Each of the girls sings well.
5	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 5)	Neither of the teams is ready.
6	The police has arrived. (Case 6)	The police have arrived.
7	A lot of money were spent. (Case 7)	A lot of money was spent.
8	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 8)	Physics is a difficult subject.
9	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 9)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
10	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 10)	One of my friends has arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 76: Apply the rule for page 76 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 77 of 100)

Rule: Subjects separated by 'along with', 'as well as', 'together with' take the verb of the first subject.

Pro Tip: Ignore the extra subjects in prepositional phrases.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The news are shocking. (Case 1)	The news is shocking.
2	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 2)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
3	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 3)	Each of the girls sings well.
4	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 4)	Neither of the teams is ready.
5	The police has arrived. (Case 5)	The police have arrived.
6	A lot of money were spent. (Case 6)	A lot of money was spent.
7	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 7)	Physics is a difficult subject.
8	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 8)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
9	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 9)	One of my friends has arrived.
10	Everything were perfect. (Case 10)	Everything was perfect.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 77: Apply the rule for page 77 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 78 of 100)

Rule: Use a singular verb with singular subjects connected by 'either...or' / 'neither...nor'.

Pro Tip: Either/or logic: singular pairing.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 1)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
2	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 2)	Each of the girls sings well.
3	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 3)	Neither of the teams is ready.
4	The police has arrived. (Case 4)	The police have arrived.
5	A lot of money were spent. (Case 5)	A lot of money was spent.
6	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 6)	Physics is a difficult subject.
7	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 7)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
8	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 8)	One of my friends has arrived.
9	Everything were perfect. (Case 9)	Everything was perfect.
10	The news are shocking. (Case 10)	The news is shocking.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 78: Apply the rule for page 78 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 79 of 100)

Rule: Relative pronouns (who, that, which) refer to the nearest antecedent.

Pro Tip: Relative pronoun agreement: look to the noun before it.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 1)	Each of the girls sings well.
2	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 2)	Neither of the teams is ready.
3	The police has arrived. (Case 3)	The police have arrived.
4	A lot of money were spent. (Case 4)	A lot of money was spent.
5	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 5)	Physics is a difficult subject.
6	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 6)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
7	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 7)	One of my friends has arrived.
8	Everything were perfect. (Case 8)	Everything was perfect.
9	The news are shocking. (Case 9)	The news is shocking.
10	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 10)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 79: Apply the rule for page 79 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 80 of 100)

Rule: When subjects are joined by 'and', the verb is plural.

Pro Tip: The rule of addition: plural verb.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 1)	Neither of the teams is ready.
2	The police has arrived. (Case 2)	The police have arrived.
3	A lot of money were spent. (Case 3)	A lot of money was spent.
4	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 4)	Physics is a difficult subject.
5	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 5)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
6	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 6)	One of my friends has arrived.
7	Everything were perfect. (Case 7)	Everything was perfect.
8	The news are shocking. (Case 8)	The news is shocking.
9	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 9)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
10	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 10)	Each of the girls sings well.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 80: Apply the rule for page 80 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 81 of 100)

Rule: Collective nouns take a singular verb if they act as a unit.

Pro Tip: Collective nouns work as a group.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The police has arrived. (Case 1)	The police have arrived.
2	A lot of money were spent. (Case 2)	A lot of money was spent.
3	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 3)	Physics is a difficult subject.
4	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 4)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
5	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 5)	One of my friends has arrived.
6	Everything were perfect. (Case 6)	Everything was perfect.
7	The news are shocking. (Case 7)	The news is shocking.
8	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 8)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
9	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 9)	Each of the girls sings well.
10	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 10)	Neither of the teams is ready.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 81: Apply the rule for page 81 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 82 of 100)

Rule: When two subjects are joined by 'or/nor', the verb agrees with the closest subject.

Pro Tip: Proximity rule: verb follows the nearest subject.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	A lot of money were spent. (Case 1)	A lot of money was spent.
2	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 2)	Physics is a difficult subject.
3	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 3)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
4	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 4)	One of my friends has arrived.
5	Everything were perfect. (Case 5)	Everything was perfect.
6	The news are shocking. (Case 6)	The news is shocking.
7	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 7)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
8	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 8)	Each of the girls sings well.
9	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 9)	Neither of the teams is ready.
10	The police has arrived. (Case 10)	The police have arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 82: Apply the rule for page 82 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 83 of 100)

Rule: Indefinite pronouns like 'each', 'everyone', 'neither' are singular.

Pro Tip: Always treat indefinite pronouns as singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 1)	Physics is a difficult subject.
2	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 2)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
3	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 3)	One of my friends has arrived.
4	Everything were perfect. (Case 4)	Everything was perfect.
5	The news are shocking. (Case 5)	The news is shocking.
6	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 6)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
7	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 7)	Each of the girls sings well.
8	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 8)	Neither of the teams is ready.
9	The police has arrived. (Case 9)	The police have arrived.
10	A lot of money were spent. (Case 10)	A lot of money was spent.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 83: Apply the rule for page 83 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 84 of 100)

Rule: Titles of books, movies, or songs are singular.

Pro Tip: Titles represent a single unit, hence singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 1)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
2	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 2)	One of my friends has arrived.
3	Everything were perfect. (Case 3)	Everything was perfect.
4	The news are shocking. (Case 4)	The news is shocking.
5	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 5)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
6	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 6)	Each of the girls sings well.
7	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 7)	Neither of the teams is ready.
8	The police has arrived. (Case 8)	The police have arrived.
9	A lot of money were spent. (Case 9)	A lot of money was spent.
10	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 10)	Physics is a difficult subject.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 84: Apply the rule for page 84 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 85 of 100)

Rule: Sums of money, periods of time, or distances are singular.

Pro Tip: Measurements act as a single amount.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 1)	One of my friends has arrived.
2	Everything were perfect. (Case 2)	Everything was perfect.
3	The news are shocking. (Case 3)	The news is shocking.
4	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 4)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
5	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 5)	Each of the girls sings well.
6	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 6)	Neither of the teams is ready.
7	The police has arrived. (Case 7)	The police have arrived.
8	A lot of money were spent. (Case 8)	A lot of money was spent.
9	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 9)	Physics is a difficult subject.
10	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 10)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 85: Apply the rule for page 85 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 86 of 100)

Rule: The expression 'a number of' is plural; 'the number of' is singular.

Pro Tip: Number rule: 'a' vs 'the' makes the difference.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Everything were perfect. (Case 1)	Everything was perfect.
2	The news are shocking. (Case 2)	The news is shocking.
3	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 3)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
4	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 4)	Each of the girls sings well.
5	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 5)	Neither of the teams is ready.
6	The police has arrived. (Case 6)	The police have arrived.
7	A lot of money were spent. (Case 7)	A lot of money was spent.
8	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 8)	Physics is a difficult subject.
9	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 9)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
10	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 10)	One of my friends has arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 86: Apply the rule for page 86 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 87 of 100)

Rule: Subjects separated by 'along with', 'as well as', 'together with' take the verb of the first subject.

Pro Tip: Ignore the extra subjects in prepositional phrases.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The news are shocking. (Case 1)	The news is shocking.
2	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 2)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
3	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 3)	Each of the girls sings well.
4	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 4)	Neither of the teams is ready.
5	The police has arrived. (Case 5)	The police have arrived.
6	A lot of money were spent. (Case 6)	A lot of money was spent.
7	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 7)	Physics is a difficult subject.
8	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 8)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
9	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 9)	One of my friends has arrived.
10	Everything were perfect. (Case 10)	Everything was perfect.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 87: Apply the rule for page 87 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 88 of 100)

Rule: Use a singular verb with singular subjects connected by 'either...or' / 'neither...nor'.

Pro Tip: Either/or logic: singular pairing.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 1)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
2	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 2)	Each of the girls sings well.
3	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 3)	Neither of the teams is ready.
4	The police has arrived. (Case 4)	The police have arrived.
5	A lot of money were spent. (Case 5)	A lot of money was spent.
6	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 6)	Physics is a difficult subject.
7	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 7)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
8	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 8)	One of my friends has arrived.
9	Everything were perfect. (Case 9)	Everything was perfect.
10	The news are shocking. (Case 10)	The news is shocking.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 88: Apply the rule for page 88 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 89 of 100)

Rule: Relative pronouns (who, that, which) refer to the nearest antecedent.

Pro Tip: Relative pronoun agreement: look to the noun before it.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 1)	Each of the girls sings well.
2	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 2)	Neither of the teams is ready.
3	The police has arrived. (Case 3)	The police have arrived.
4	A lot of money were spent. (Case 4)	A lot of money was spent.
5	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 5)	Physics is a difficult subject.
6	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 6)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
7	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 7)	One of my friends has arrived.
8	Everything were perfect. (Case 8)	Everything was perfect.
9	The news are shocking. (Case 9)	The news is shocking.
10	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 10)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 89: Apply the rule for page 89 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 90 of 100)

Rule: When subjects are joined by 'and', the verb is plural.

Pro Tip: The rule of addition: plural verb.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 1)	Neither of the teams is ready.
2	The police has arrived. (Case 2)	The police have arrived.
3	A lot of money were spent. (Case 3)	A lot of money was spent.
4	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 4)	Physics is a difficult subject.
5	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 5)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
6	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 6)	One of my friends has arrived.
7	Everything were perfect. (Case 7)	Everything was perfect.
8	The news are shocking. (Case 8)	The news is shocking.
9	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 9)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
10	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 10)	Each of the girls sings well.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 90: Apply the rule for page 90 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 91 of 100)

Rule: Collective nouns take a singular verb if they act as a unit.

Pro Tip: Collective nouns work as a group.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The police has arrived. (Case 1)	The police have arrived.
2	A lot of money were spent. (Case 2)	A lot of money was spent.
3	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 3)	Physics is a difficult subject.
4	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 4)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
5	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 5)	One of my friends has arrived.
6	Everything were perfect. (Case 6)	Everything was perfect.
7	The news are shocking. (Case 7)	The news is shocking.
8	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 8)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
9	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 9)	Each of the girls sings well.
10	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 10)	Neither of the teams is ready.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 91: Apply the rule for page 91 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 92 of 100)

Rule: When two subjects are joined by 'or/nor', the verb agrees with the closest subject.

Pro Tip: Proximity rule: verb follows the nearest subject.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	A lot of money were spent. (Case 1)	A lot of money was spent.
2	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 2)	Physics is a difficult subject.
3	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 3)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
4	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 4)	One of my friends has arrived.
5	Everything were perfect. (Case 5)	Everything was perfect.
6	The news are shocking. (Case 6)	The news is shocking.
7	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 7)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
8	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 8)	Each of the girls sings well.
9	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 9)	Neither of the teams is ready.
10	The police has arrived. (Case 10)	The police have arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 92: Apply the rule for page 92 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 93 of 100)

Rule: Indefinite pronouns like 'each', 'everyone', 'neither' are singular.

Pro Tip: Always treat indefinite pronouns as singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 1)	Physics is a difficult subject.
2	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 2)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
3	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 3)	One of my friends has arrived.
4	Everything were perfect. (Case 4)	Everything was perfect.
5	The news are shocking. (Case 5)	The news is shocking.
6	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 6)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
7	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 7)	Each of the girls sings well.
8	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 8)	Neither of the teams is ready.
9	The police has arrived. (Case 9)	The police have arrived.
10	A lot of money were spent. (Case 10)	A lot of money was spent.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 93: Apply the rule for page 93 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 94 of 100)

Rule: Titles of books, movies, or songs are singular.

Pro Tip: Titles represent a single unit, hence singular.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 1)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
2	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 2)	One of my friends has arrived.
3	Everything were perfect. (Case 3)	Everything was perfect.
4	The news are shocking. (Case 4)	The news is shocking.
5	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 5)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
6	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 6)	Each of the girls sings well.
7	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 7)	Neither of the teams is ready.
8	The police has arrived. (Case 8)	The police have arrived.
9	A lot of money were spent. (Case 9)	A lot of money was spent.
10	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 10)	Physics is a difficult subject.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 94: Apply the rule for page 94 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

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Rule: Sums of money, periods of time, or distances are singular.

Pro Tip: Measurements act as a single amount.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 1)	One of my friends has arrived.
2	Everything were perfect. (Case 2)	Everything was perfect.
3	The news are shocking. (Case 3)	The news is shocking.
4	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 4)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
5	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 5)	Each of the girls sings well.
6	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 6)	Neither of the teams is ready.
7	The police has arrived. (Case 7)	The police have arrived.
8	A lot of money were spent. (Case 8)	A lot of money was spent.
9	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 9)	Physics is a difficult subject.
10	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 10)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 95: Apply the rule for page 95 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 96 of 100)

Rule: The expression 'a number of' is plural; 'the number of' is singular.

Pro Tip: Number rule: 'a' vs 'the' makes the difference.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Everything were perfect. (Case 1)	Everything was perfect.
2	The news are shocking. (Case 2)	The news is shocking.
3	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 3)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
4	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 4)	Each of the girls sings well.
5	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 5)	Neither of the teams is ready.
6	The police has arrived. (Case 6)	The police have arrived.
7	A lot of money were spent. (Case 7)	A lot of money was spent.
8	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 8)	Physics is a difficult subject.
9	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 9)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
10	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 10)	One of my friends has arrived.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 96: Apply the rule for page 96 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 97 of 100)

Rule: Subjects separated by 'along with', 'as well as', 'together with' take the verb of the first subject.

Pro Tip: Ignore the extra subjects in prepositional phrases.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	The news are shocking. (Case 1)	The news is shocking.
2	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 2)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
3	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 3)	Each of the girls sings well.
4	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 4)	Neither of the teams is ready.
5	The police has arrived. (Case 5)	The police have arrived.
6	A lot of money were spent. (Case 6)	A lot of money was spent.
7	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 7)	Physics is a difficult subject.
8	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 8)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
9	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 9)	One of my friends has arrived.
10	Everything were perfect. (Case 10)	Everything was perfect.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 97: Apply the rule for page 97 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

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Rule: Use a singular verb with singular subjects connected by 'either...or' / 'neither...nor'.

Pro Tip: Either/or logic: singular pairing.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 1)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
2	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 2)	Each of the girls sings well.
3	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 3)	Neither of the teams is ready.
4	The police has arrived. (Case 4)	The police have arrived.
5	A lot of money were spent. (Case 5)	A lot of money was spent.
6	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 6)	Physics is a difficult subject.
7	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 7)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
8	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 8)	One of my friends has arrived.
9	Everything were perfect. (Case 9)	Everything was perfect.
10	The news are shocking. (Case 10)	The news is shocking.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 98: Apply the rule for page 98 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

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Rule: Relative pronouns (who, that, which) refer to the nearest antecedent.

Pro Tip: Relative pronoun agreement: look to the noun before it.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 1)	Each of the girls sings well.
2	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 2)	Neither of the teams is ready.
3	The police has arrived. (Case 3)	The police have arrived.
4	A lot of money were spent. (Case 4)	A lot of money was spent.
5	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 5)	Physics is a difficult subject.
6	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 6)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
7	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 7)	One of my friends has arrived.
8	Everything were perfect. (Case 8)	Everything was perfect.
9	The news are shocking. (Case 9)	The news is shocking.
10	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 10)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 99: Apply the rule for page 99 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").

Subject-Verb Agreement Mastery (Page 100 of 100)

Rule: When subjects are joined by 'and', the verb is plural.

Pro Tip: The rule of addition: plural verb.

Error Spotting (10 Unique Examples)

#	Error Sentence	Correct Solution
1	Neither of the teams are ready. (Case 1)	Neither of the teams is ready.
2	The police has arrived. (Case 2)	The police have arrived.
3	A lot of money were spent. (Case 3)	A lot of money was spent.
4	Physics are a difficult subject. (Case 4)	Physics is a difficult subject.
5	Not only the teacher but also students is present. (Case 5)	Not only the teacher but also students are present.
6	One of my friends have arrived. (Case 6)	One of my friends has arrived.
7	Everything were perfect. (Case 7)	Everything was perfect.
8	The news are shocking. (Case 8)	The news is shocking.
9	Neither the principal nor the teachers is available. (Case 9)	Neither the principal nor the teachers are available.
10	Each of the girls sing well. (Case 10)	Each of the girls sings well.

Quick Self-Assessment Exercise

Question 100: Apply the rule for page 100 on: "Either he or they is responsible."

Answer: Change "is" to "are" because the verb agrees with the closer subject ("they").