

Subject and Verb Agreement

New Directions: Remember that the word *and* means *both*. But when you link things with the word *or*, you are talking about just *one*. A compound subject (two or more) requires a plural verb (Mom *and* Maria wash the dishes every night.), but a single subject requires a singular verb (Mom *or* Maria washes the dishes every night). ***Be careful!! If you have a singular subject joined with a plural subject using the word *or*, make the verb match with the closest subject!!** Combine the following sentence parts, paying close attention to the verbs. Before you start, be sure to identify the verbs in each set of sentences.

1. **The board is loose.** The nail is loose. (or)

2. **One team will lose.** The other will lose (or)

3. **Donnie is singing tonight.** Marie is singing tonight. (or)

4. **My dog has fleas.** My cat has fleas. (or)

5. ***The senator meets all visitors.** Her aides meet all visitors. (or)

6. ***Jack has your loose-leaf notebook.** His friends have your loose-leaf notebook.
(or)

7. **Diamonds are her favorite jewels.** Opals are her favorite jewels. (or)

8. **The Mets will have to lose.** The Pirates will have to lose. (or)

9. **Cake was offered.** Ice cream was offered. (or) One was offered for dessert.

10. **A loose board was the cause.** A loose brick was the cause (or) One was the cause of the accident.
