

CLASS – 4

SUBJECT- ENGLISH LANGUAGE WORKSHEET

TOPIC: Subject- Verb Agreement

SYNOPSIS:-

Subject-verb agreement means that the subject and verb in a sentence must agree in number.

Rules of Subject-verb agreement.

- A singular subject takes a singular verb and a plural subject takes a plural verb. For example,
 - A dog **barks**. (singular subject takes a singular verb)
 - Dogs **bark**. (plural subject takes a plural verb)
- When the subject of a sentence is composed of two or more nouns or pronouns, we use a plural verb. For example,
 - Pratima and Mahima **are** at the mall.
 - The Principal and the teachers **are** in the staffroom.
- When two or more singular nouns or pronouns are joined by **or**, we use a singular verb. For example,
 - The man or his son **is** at home.
 - The guide or the tourist **goes** first.
- When two or more nouns or pronouns are joined by **or**, the verb will agree with the subject closer to the verb. For example,
 - The man or his sons **are** at home.
 - The tourists or the guide **goes** first.
- If a phrase comes between the subject and the verb, the verb agrees with the subject and not with the noun in the phrase. For example,
 - The captain, as well as his teammates, **plays** well.
 - Sohail, and not his friends, **is** to blame.
- Words like each, either, neither, everyone, everybody, someone, somebody, anyone and anybody take a singular verb. For example,
 - Everybody **likes** Kishore.
 - Somebody **is** knocking at the door.

- In sentences beginning with there is or there are, the subject follows the verb, so the subject agrees with the verb. For example,
 - There **are** many boats in the river.
 - There **is** a boat in the river.
- Collective nouns, such as family, team, group, committee. If taken as a unit are considered singular and take a singular verb. For example,
 - The team **practises** every day.
 - My family **is** in Paris.
- But, if collective nouns are taken to mean a number of individuals, they take a plural verb. For example,
 - The team **have** got their T-shirts.
 - My family **have** different views on this issue.

Exercise:-

I. Use the correct word given in the brackets:-

1. We (respect/respects) our National flag.
2. The Arabian Nights (is/are) an interesting book.
3. Half the pineapple (is/are) mine.
4. The sound of the horn (disturb/ disturbs) me.
5. Mohan and Sohan (work/works) together.

II. Complete the following exercises from your text book.

Warm-up on Page 10

Exercise A and B on Page 12-13

Exercise C on Page 13