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Subject-Verb Agreement

Make the verb match the subject

1 Singular + singular verb

One person or thing
The boy runs fast.

2 Plural + plural verb

More than one
The boys run fast.

3 each / everyone / neither

Always singular
Each of the girls is ready.

4 A and B / A or B

And is plural; or uses the nearer subject
Tom and Ria are here. Tom or Ria is here.

Watch out

Ignore words between the subject and the verb.

The box of chocolates is on the table (the box, not the chocolates).

Fix it

Wrong: The books is on the desk.

Right: The books are on the desk.

Wrong: Neither of them are late. Right: Neither of them is late.

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