

AGREEMENT IN NUMBER

Nouns must agree with verbs in number.

The *boy* *is*

SINGULAR

The *boys* *are*

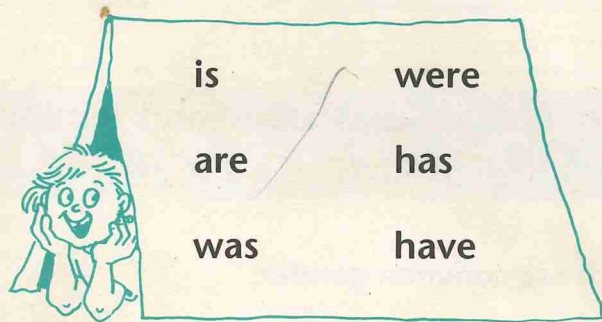
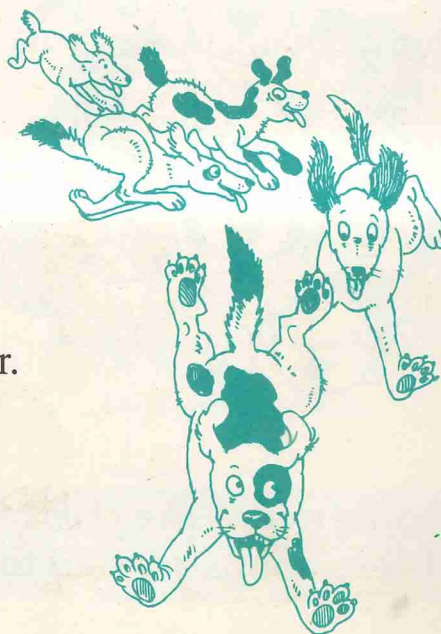
PLURAL

You could not say, *the boy are* or *the boys is*.

The verb *is* goes with singular nouns; the verb *are* goes with plural nouns.

1 Cross out the wrong verbs in these sentences.

- The six tents (is, are) in a row.
- Our camp (was, were) in the forest.
- Five dogs (plays, play) on the beach.
- Swimming (is, are) the best fun.
- That man (was, were) eating the hamburger.



2 Fill in the spaces with words from the tent.

- Seven families _____ going on holidays.
- Mr Brown _____ going by himself.
- The six Smith children _____ at the camping site last year.
- Mario _____ four brothers and one sister.
- Five fish _____ caught by my dad and me. Mum _____ pleased.

Two or more singular nouns make a plural if they are joined by 'and'.

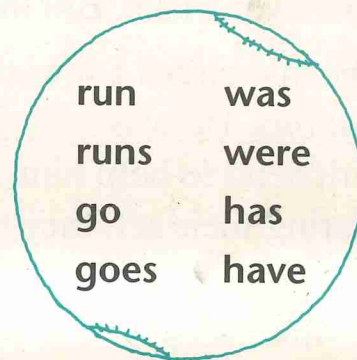
John and Ali *are* friends.

3 Cross out the wrong verbs in these sentences.

- Tom and Jerry (is, are) funny.
- Sydney and Melbourne (was, were) not here in the year 1700.
- My mother and father (is, are) going to Japan for a holiday.
- My sister and brother (play, plays) golf.
- A ball, a bat and a wicket (is, are) needed for cricket.

4 Fill in the spaces with words from the ball.

- Bill and Mary _____ very fast.
- My dog and I _____ for a walk every evening.
- Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge _____ all in one pear tree. Can you remember what other things _____ there, too?
- Deer and cows both _____ horns.



5 Finish these sentences. Pick from the box.

- Jack and Jill _____ not very good hill climbers.
- _____ are two good sportspersons.
- _____ eats too much ice cream.
- Top sportspersons _____ every day.
- Five hundred runners _____ finished the race.

