

Class 5

Lesson 1:- Chuskit Goes To School

Grammar : Subject- verb Agreement

- The verb in a sentence must agree with its subject in number.
- If the subject is singular, the verb also must be in singular. Ex:-

The **road is** too rough and uneven.

The **roads are** too rough and uneven.

In the first sentence, the subject, the road, is singular. Therefore, the verb used is singular- is.

In the second sentence, the subject, the roads, is plural. Therefore, the verb used is also plural- are.

- We must identify whether the subject of a sentence is singular or plural so that we can use the correct form of a verb.
- When two singular subjects are joined by the conjunction( and) , they form a plural subject; so a plural verb is needed. Ex:-  
**Chuskit and Stanbdo** now **go** to school together.
- When a phrase such as neither....., either....., or one of the..... forms of the subject, the subject is singular, so a singular verb is used. Ex-

**One of the teachers helps** Chuskit with math work.

- When a singular subject is followed by a plural phrase, it takes a singular verb. Ex:-  
**Abdul** along with his friends **is clearing** the path along the stream.
- When a plural subject is followed by a singular phrase, it takes a plural verb. Ex:-  
**The pebbles** on the path **were** slippery.
- When two singular subjects are joined by conjunction or/ either.....or/ neither..... nor, they form a singular subject; so a singular verb is needed. Ex-  
**Either Aba - ley or Ama – ley is providing** snacks to the children.
- Some nouns look plural but are actually singular. These are names of subject, words , such as **news** and **measles**, titles of books and movies that end in- s . Ex-  
**Physics is** my favourite subject.  
**The news of landslides is** alarming.  
**Bedtime Stories is** my favourite book.
- A collective Noun is considered as one unit , so it takes a singular verb. Ex-  
Our **team has won** the match.

**A herd of cows is crossing the road.**

**Home assignments:-**

**1. Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks.**

- The little boy ----- ( is/are) unable to work.
- Now Chuskit, along with her brother and cousins, ----- ( go/ goes) to school.
- One of the students at the government school ----  
--- ( come/ comes) to Chuskut's home.
- The head master, the teachers and the students -  
----- ( are/ is) preparing a path from school to Chuskut's home.
- Either my brother or my sister ----- ( are/ is) coming for my birthday.

**2. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verb given in the bracket.**

- The constitution ----- ( give) us six fundamental rights.
- All the children of this village----- ( go/ goes) to school.
- The members of this committee for inclusive education ----- ( meet) every month.
- The people of Laddakh ----- ( celebrate) Losar, the New year festival, for 15 days.

- **The decision to make road ----- ( be) taken by the headmaster and the teachers.**
- 3. Write and remember all rules of Subject verbs Agreement.**

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