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What is Subject-Verb Agreement?



A subject-verb agreement error is a common grammatical mistake where the subject of the sentence and the verb do not agree in number. The subject of a sentence is the person, thing, or idea that is doing the action or being described, while the verb is the action word that describes what the subject is doing or being.

In simple terms, the verb used in the sentence should match the number (singular or plural) of the subject. For example, "The cat sleeps" is correct because the subject "cat" is singular and the verb "sleeps" agrees with it in number. However, "The cat sleep" is incorrect because the subject and verb do not agree in number.

Similarly, "The students study" is correct because the subject "students" is plural and the verb "study" agrees with it in number. But "The students studies" is incorrect because the verb does not agree with the subject in number.

Subject-verb agreement is an essential aspect of good grammar because it helps to ensure that the sentence conveys a clear and concise message that is easy to understand.

Here are some examples of subject-verb agreement errors:

- The dog and the cats **is** sleeping on the couch. (incorrect agreement with plural subject "cats" and singular verb "is sleeping") ❌
- The correct answer: The dog and cats **are** sleeping on the couch. ✅

- The employees **was** late for the meeting. (incorrect agreement with plural subject "employees" and singular verb "was late") ❌
- The correct answer: The employees **were** late for the meeting. ✅

- My sister and her friends **likes** to go shopping. (incorrect agreement with plural subject "friends" and singular verb "likes") ❌
- The correct answer: My sister and her friends **like** to go shopping. ✅

Answer:

My friends and I **are** planning to **go** on vacation next month. We **were** thinking about flying to Hawaii, but the tickets are expensive. Our parents don't **think** it's a good idea for us to go alone, but we don't **want** them to come with us. We **think** we're old enough to travel by ourselves. We also **want** to stay in a fancy hotel on the beach, but it **costs** too much money. Maybe we should **look** for a cheaper option.