**Advanced rules on Subject/Verb Agreement**

1. When the subject of a sentence is composed of two or more nouns or pronouns connected by **and**, use a plural verb.

* She and her friends are at the fair.

2. When two or more singular nouns or pronouns are connected by **or** or **nor**, use a singular verb.

* The book or the pen is in the drawer.

3. When a compound subject contains both a singular and a plural noun or pronoun joined by or or nor, the verb should agree with the part of the **subject that is nearer the verb**.

* Neither Manuel nor his brothers have time for weekly neighborhood soccer games.
* Neither his brothers nor Manuel has time for weekly neighborhood soccer games.

4. **Do not be misled by a phrase that comes between the subject and the verb**. The verb agrees with the subject, not with a noun or pronoun in the phrase.

* One of the boxes is open
* Young people who listen to classical music are rare.
* The team captain, unlike his players, is anxious.
* The film, from the opening scenes to the final credits, is relentlessly boring.
* The woman with all the dogs walks down my street.

5. The words each, each one, either, neither, everyone, everybody, anybody, anyone, nobody, somebody, someone, and no one are **singular** and require a singular verb.

* Each of these burgers is juicy.
* Everybody knows Mr. Jones.
* Either is correct.

**Practice: Finish these sentences, making sure your subjects and verbs agree. Your sentence must be in the present tense.**

1. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Teenagers who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. The internet, in some cases, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Anybody \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. A teacher or parent sometimes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Romance, in the bliss of the early months, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_