



# Subject-Verb Agreement

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# Important notice:



At the end of this presentation there is a link to a Microsoft Forms quiz. You must score an 80% or higher to pass the quiz.

Please take your time viewing and studying this material before you proceed with the quiz.

# Objectives

By the end of this workshop students will be able to:

- Define and identify subjects and verbs
- Execute subject verb agreement
- Write sentences correctly

The **subject** of a sentence is the **person, place, thing,** or **idea** that is doing or being something

The **verb** expresses an **act, occurrence,** or **mode of being**

# Pronouns



Person	Singular	Plural
1 <sup>st</sup>	I	We
2 <sup>nd</sup>	You	You (all)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	He	They
	She	
	It	

Pronouns can take the place of a noun.  
Ex. **John** went to the party. **He** was late.

# Verbs

- The verb expresses **action, occurrence, or mode of being**.
- The infinitive form of a verb is in its most basic form. Infinitive verbs always appear in the following manner:
  - Ex. **to** laugh                      Ex. **to** eat                      Ex. **to** talk
- Note that “**to**” does not mean “**para**” in Spanish, it is simply part of the meaning of the word.
- Ex. **to** laugh → reír                      Ex. **to** eat → comer      Ex. **to** talk → hablar

# Simple Present Tense Verbs

Verbs in the simple present tense express actions that occur on a daily basis. They are also used to talk or ask about **habits**, **regular occurrences**, **routines**, or **facts**. These actions can occur in **isolation or repeatedly**. Observe the following examples:

Ex. The concert **starts** at nine o'clock. (**Isolated action**)

Ex. He **goes** to karate on Mondays. (**Repeated action**)

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# Basic Rule for Verbs in the Simple Present Tense



Add **-s** to the end of the verb when the **subject** is: **he, she, it, or equal to it** (third person singular).

All other forms of the verb stay the same.

Subject	Simple present tense verb
I	Talk
You	Talk
She	<b>Talks</b>
He	<b>Talks</b>
It	<b>Talks</b>
We	Talk
They	Talk

# Exception #1



- Verbs that end in a combination of **a consonant + y**, eliminate **y** and **add -ies** to the end of all third person singular verbs. All other forms of the verb stay the same.
- Examples:

I	Fly
You	Fly
He/She	<b>Flies</b>
It	<b>Flies</b>
We	Fly
You (all)	Fly
They	Fly

## Exception #2

- When the verb ends in **ss**, **sh**, **ch**, **x** or **z**, **add -es** to the end of all third person singular verbs. All other forms of the verb stay the same.
- Examples:

I	Wish
You	Wish
He/she	<b>Wishes</b>
It	<b>Wishes</b>
We	Wish
You (all)	Wish
They	Wish

# Negative Sentences Formula for all Verbs Except To Be

- These sentences require the use of the following formula:

**Subject + To Do(auxiliary verb) + not + verb of action or condition in basic form.**

Subject	Auxiliary verb	Negative	Verb of Action or Condition in basic form
I	do	not	sing
You	do	not	talk
He/She	<b>does</b>	not	dance
It	<b>does</b>	not	work
We	do	not	sleep
You (all)	do	not	jump
They	do	not	cry

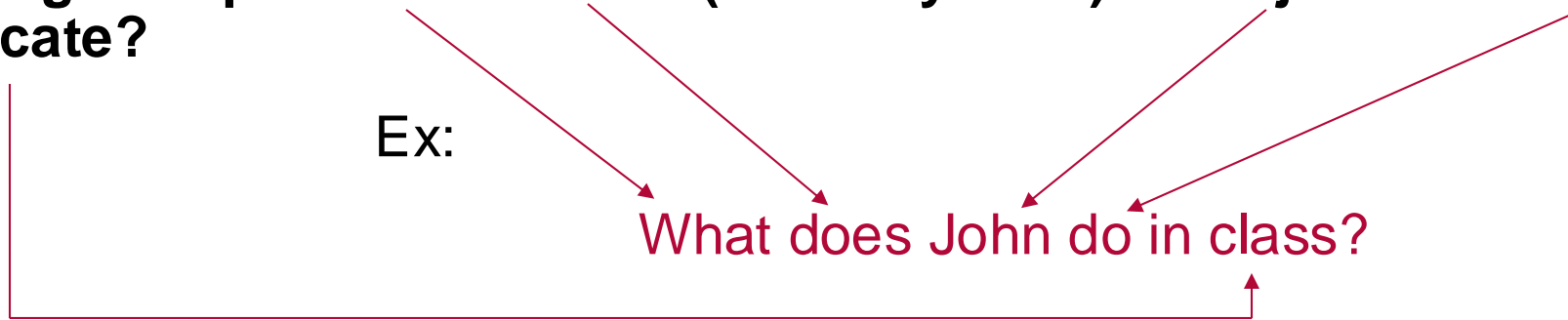
# Questions

- Questions that begin with **who, what, why, when** follow this formula:

- **Interrogative pronoun + To Do (auxiliary verb) + subject + infinitive verb (base form) + predicate?**

Ex:

What does John do in class?



# Questions

- Questions that begin with the **To Do verb** follow this formula:
- **To Do (auxiliary verb) + subject + infinitive verb (base form) + predicate ?**

Ex:

Do you work tomorrow?



# Irregular Verb: To Be (Affirmative Form)

Singular Subject Pronouns	Verb To Be
I	am
You	are
He	is
She	is
It	is

This verb is irregular because it does not follow the regular verb rule for simple present tense verbs. See I/you/he/ she/ it pronouns and verb conjugation changes.

# Irregular Verb: To Be (Affirmative Form)

Plural Subject Pronouns	Verb To Be
We	are
You (all)	are
They	are



# Affirmative Contractions of To Be

- Affirmative contractions are the shortened version of subject + verb

Full form (formal)		Contraction (informal)
Subject	Verb to be	
I	am	I'm
You	are	You're
He	is	He's
She	is	She's
It	is	It's
We	are	We're
You (all)	are	You're
They	are	They're

# Negative Contractions of To Be



- Negative contractions are the shortened version of the verb to be.
- In **column A**, the negative contraction is formed by: **Subject +To Be (negative contraction form only)**.

Full form (formal)	(Column A)	(Column B)
I am not	-----	I'm not
You are not	<b>You aren't</b>	You're not
He is not	<b>He isn't</b>	He's not
She is not	<b>She isn't</b>	She's not
It is not	<b>It isn't</b>	It's not
We are not	<b>We aren't</b>	We're not
You are not	<b>You aren't</b>	You're not
They are not	<b>They aren't</b>	They're not

# Negative Contractions of To Be

- In **column B**, the negative contraction is formed by: **Subject + To Be (affirmative contraction form only) + not**

Full form (formal)	(Column A)	(Column B)
I am not	-----	<b>I'm not</b>
You are not	You aren't	<b>You're not</b>
He is not	He isn't	<b>He's not</b>
She is not	She isn't	<b>She's not</b>
It is not	It isn't	<b>It's not</b>
We are not	We aren't	<b>We're not</b>
You are not	You aren't	<b>You're not</b>
They are not	They aren't	<b>They're not</b>

# Making Questions with To Be



- When making questions, the verb precedes the subject. It must agree in number, person and case.

Verb To-Be	Subject Pronouns
Am	I
Are	You
Is	He
Is	She
Is	It
Are	We
Are	You (all)
Are	They

# Using To Be in Short Answers



## Affirmative Short Answer Forms

	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Verb to be</b>
Yes,	I	Am
Yes,	You	Are
Yes,	He/she	Is
Yes,	We	Are
Yes,	It	Is
Yes,	They	are

## Negative Short Answer Forms

	<b>Pronoun + verb in affirmative contraction form + not</b>	<b>Pronoun and Verb in negative contraction form</b>
No,	I'm not	--
No,	You're not	You aren't
No,	He's not/ She's not	He/ She isn't
No,	We're not	We aren't
No,	It's not	It isn't
No,	They're not	They aren't

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