

# Agreement between subject and verb (Advanced)

The verb must agree with the subject when the subject follows the verb.

- If the subject is a clause, we usually use a singular verb:

*What is needed is additional resources.*  
*Having a party is a pain in the neck.*

- Communities depend on how you refer to; if you see it as a whole, we use singular verb (1). But if you consider them a bunch of individuals, we use plural verb (2).

*(1): police (=police department) runs a finger print detection test, to catch the thief.*  
*(2): police (=police officers) run a finger print detection test, to catch the thief.*

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<i>Any of, each of, either of, neither of, none of, one of, Every, each, Everyone, everything, everybody, anyone, anything, anytime, anywhere, someone, something, someday, no one, nowhere, and similar word beginning with some- or any- and no-</i>	<i>Singular</i>
<i>A/the majority of, a lot of, plenty of, all (of), or some (of)</i>	<i>Plural</i>
<i>Any of, each of, either of, neither of, none of, (One of + plural noun / pronoun + who), a number of</i>	<i>Both singular &amp; plural</i>

*I don't think of any of them knows where the money is hidden.*  
*Neither of the French athletes has (or have) won this year.*  
*A number of refugees have been turned back at the border.*  
*A number of books in the library has risen to over five million.*  
*One of the reasons I took the job was that I could work from home.*  
*He is one of those teachers who insist/insists on the pupils sitting silently in class.*  
*All the furniture was destroyed in the fire.*  
*None of the equipment appears to be damaged.*  
*Every room looks over the harbor.*  
*Every boy and girl takes part in the activity.*  
*Each child has drawn a picture. But the children have each drawn a picture.*  
*Practically everyone thinks that the Phil should be given the job.*