

Subject-Verb Agreement (कर्ता-क्रिया अन्वय)

SSC CGL English Grammar / 25+ Rules with Examples

1. Golden Rule

Verb hamesha apne **subject** ke number (singular/plural) aur person ke hisaab se aata hai - subject ke baad wale noun se nahi!

Rules 1-8

- Rule 1: Do subjects "and" se jude (alag-alag) = plural: "Ram and Shyam are friends."
- Rule 2: "And" se jude par ek hi vyakti/cheez ho ya ek unit = singular: "Bread and butter is my breakfast." "The poet and scholar is dead." (ek hi insaan)
- Rule 3: Each / Every / Many a + singular noun = singular verb: "Every boy and girl was present." "Many a man has failed."
- Rule 4: With, along with, together with, as well as, in addition to, besides, accompanied by, no less than - pehla subject dekho: "The teacher, along with students, was late." "The students, with their teacher, were late."
- Rule 5: Or, nor, either...or, neither...nor, not only...but also - paas wala (nearer) subject dekho: "Neither he nor I am guilty." "Either the boys or the girl is coming."
- Rule 6: One of the / Each of the / Either of / Neither of / None of + plural noun = singular verb: "One of my friends is sick." (none of ke baad plural bhi chalta hai SSC me, par singular safe)
- Rule 7: The number of + plural = singular verb (ginti). A number of + plural = plural verb (kai): "The number of students is 50." "A number of students are absent."
- Rule 8: Distance, time, money, weight ek unit ho to singular: "Ten kilometres is a long distance." "Fifty rupees is enough."

Rules 9-16

- Rule 9: The + adjective (the rich, the poor, the young) = plural verb: "The poor need help."
- Rule 10: Collective noun ek unit = singular; alag-alag members = plural. "The jury is united." "The jury are divided."
- Rule 11: News, mathematics, physics, economics, politics, athletics = singular. Scissors, trousers, spectacles, goods, clothes = plural.

- **Rule 12: Title of book/film/country (singular form) = singular:** "The Arabian Nights is interesting." "The United States is big."
- **Rule 13: Majority/minority/ percentages/fractions:** Of + plural = plural; of + uncountable = singular. "Most of the students are here." "Most of the water is wasted." "Two-thirds of the land is barren."
- **Rule 14: Who/which/that apne antecedent ke number ke hisaab se:** "I, who am your friend, ..." "He is one of those who are honest."
- **Rule 15: There / Here + verb:** verb baad wale noun ke hisaab se: "There is a book and two pens." (paas wala noun - pehla)
- **Rule 16: Inverted sentence me verb actual subject ke hisaab se:** "Behind the house stand two trees."

Rules 17-25

- **Rule 17:**
Either/Neither/Each/Every/Everyone/Everybody/Anyone/Someone/Nobody/Nothing = singular verb.
- **Rule 18: All = plural (log), singular (cheez/matra):** "All are present." "All is well."
- **Rule 19: Both, few, many, several, various, others, a few, a couple of = plural.**
- **Rule 20: What ke baad jo noun aaye us ke hisaab se:** "What he needs is rest." "What I want are books." (SSC me mostly is)
- **Rule 21: Pair/dozen/score/hundred/thousand number ke baad of ke bina singular form:** "Two dozen" (not dozens), "three hundred" (not hundreds). "Hundreds of" = approximate.
- **Rule 22: Subject ke baad "of" phrase:** verb pehle noun ke hisaab se: "The quality of apples is good." "The cost of these books has increased."
- **Rule 23: Fractions + of:** "Half of the apple was rotten." "Half of the apples were rotten."
- **Rule 24: Question tag / auxiliary me:** "Does he or his brothers know?" (nearer subject).
- **Rule 25: Gerund as subject = singular:** "Walking is a good exercise." "Smoking cigarettes is harmful."

Exam Trap (SSC)

- **Distraction wala noun:** "The box of chocolates is on the table." (chocolates par mat jao)
- **Neither of the two (singular), but neither ... nor me nearer rule.**
- **Politics / Statistics / Economics (subject) singular, par "statistics" (data) plural:** "The statistics show a rise."

- *Police, cattle, people, poultry, gentry, vermin, clergy = plural nouns (singular form me bhi):*
"The police are investigating."
- *Wages, riches, thanks, premises, proceeds: plural.*
- *"Ek se zyada subject par ek hi unit": "Rice and curry is my favourite." (ek dish)*

Subject type	Verb
Each, every, many a	singular
A number of	plural
The number of	singular
One of the + plural	singular
Neither of, either of	singular
The + adjective (the poor)	plural
News, maths, physics	singular
Trousers, scissors, goods	plural

Q. "The number of unemployed youth are rising." sahi?

Ans. Galat. Sahi: "The number of unemployed youth is rising."

Q. "Neither the manager nor the employees was present." sahi?

Ans. Galat. Paas wala subject "employees" plural hai: "Neither the manager nor the employees were present."

– Teacher: Abhishek Sir / Practice: is topic ke 100 MCQs ka CSV zaroor solve karo.