Singular and plural

Nouns and verbs can be singular or plural.

When we use a singular noun we must use a singular verb.

The tunnel goes under the sea.

singular noun

singular verb



When we use a plural noun we must use a plural verb.

The cockerels crow every morning.

plural noun

plural verb

The boy is singing.

boy

= singular noun

The boy was singing.

is / was = singular verbs

The girls are singing.

girls

= plural noun

The girls were singing. are / were = plural verbs

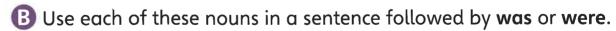


Focus

(A) Copy the sentences.

Choose the **correct verb** to finish each one.

- 1 The cottages is/are empty.
- 2 We is/are going to buy them.
- 3 I am/is going to live in one of them.
- 4 The walls is/are dirty.
- **5** The chimney is/are broken.



- 1 flowers
- 2 book

3 shoes

- 4 garages
- 5 children
- 6 tree



Practice

Copy the sentences.

Choose the correct verb to finish each one.

- 1 The cake crumble/crumbles when you cut it.
- 2 The icing look/looks very soft.
- 3 I like/likes to eat this cake.
- 4 We buy/buys this cake at the bakery.

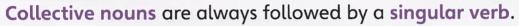


Extension

Each and every come before a singular noun and a singular verb.

Each flower is very colourful.

Every petal looks beautiful.



The herd lives on the hill.

The flock of birds circles overhead.

Sums of money and popular food are singular.

£2.50 is the price of that magazine.

Fish and chips is not healthy food!





A Copy the following.

Write whether each one would be followed by a **singular** or **plural verb**.

1 the sandals

- 2 the spoonful
- 3 each boy

- 4 peaches and cream
- **5** this bunch
- **6** 80p
- B Put these nouns into sentences of your own.
 - 1 crowd

2 team

3 £4.00

4 every book