


# Read and Discover

## Verbs and Compound Subjects

### Lesson 38

- Firefighters and rescue workers help people in trouble.
- A firefighter or a rescue worker faces danger regularly on the job.

Circle the compound subject in each sentence. Underline the verb in each sentence. Which sentence has a verb that goes with a singular subject? \_\_\_\_

A **compound subject** and its **verb** must agree. If a compound subject includes the conjunction *and*, it is plural and needs a plural verb. If a compound subject includes the conjunction *or* or *nor*, the verb must agree with the last item in the subject.  **Remember to use this information when you speak, too.**

See Handbook Sections 10 and 17

## Part 1

Look at the compound subject in each sentence. Circle the conjunction. Then underline the correct verb.

- A paramedic and an emergency medical technician (is/are) often the first to arrive at the scene of a serious accident.
- The emergency medical technician or the paramedic (give/gives) first aid to the victim.
- Some injuries and illnesses (require/requires) treatment in a hospital.
- In the hospital, physicians and nurses (treat/treats) these injuries and illnesses.
- Firefighters and police officers also (respond/responds) to emergencies.
- When a firefighter or a police officer (answer/answers) someone's call for help, he or she may also call for an ambulance.
- A house fire or a grass fire (bring/brings) firefighters out in numbers.
- A fire's flames and smoke (make/makes) the work of firefighters dangerous.
- A big earthquake or tsunami (create/creates) widespread destruction.
- Search and rescue dogs and electronic equipment (aid/aids) rescue workers.
- Search and rescue dogs and their handler (look/looks) for trapped or lost people.

