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# Read and Discover

## Agreement with Compound Subjects

### Lesson 56

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- a. Vince and Reba live in Florida.
- b. Neither Vince nor Reba visits the Everglades often.

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*, the subject is plural and needs a plural verb. If a compound subject includes *or* or *nor*, the verb must agree with the last item in the subject.

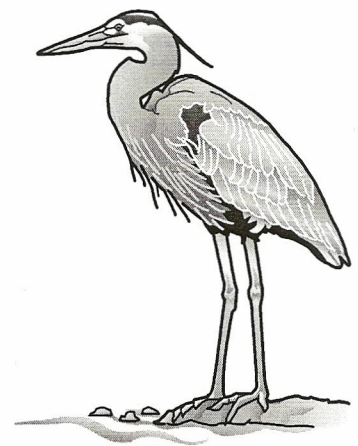
 **Remember to use this information when you speak, too.**

See Handbook Sections 11, 18f

### Part 1

Look at the compound subject in each sentence. Draw a box around its conjunction. Then underline the correct verb in parentheses.

1. Each year Mr. White and Ms. Brooks (take/takes) their classes to Everglades National Park.
2. Either January or February (is/are) a good time to visit the park because many tours and programs are offered then.
3. The seventh grade class and the eighth grade class (learn/learns) about this distinctive wetland.
4. A ranger or a park administrator (explain/explains) that during the wet season, the Everglades is a wide, shallow, slow-moving river.
5. Sanje, Petra, and Anya (jot/jots) notes for a class report.
6. The Kissimmee River and smaller tributaries (feed/feeds) into Lake Okeechobee.
7. Rainwater and groundwater from Lake Okeechobee (supply/supplies) the water to the Everglades.
8. Ms. Brooks and the ranger (tell/tells) students how the "river of grass" drains into Florida Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.
9. Shallow water and sawgrass (cover/covers) much of the northern part of the Everglades.
10. Saltwater marshes and mangrove swamps (form/forms) the southern border of the Everglades.
11. A red mangrove or a white mangrove (thrive/thrives) in tidal water.
12. Live oak, mastic, and royal palm (grows/grow) on mounds of earth called tree islands.
13. Shark Valley, the Anhinga Trail, or Eco Pond (is/are) a good place for viewing alligators.
14. Look over there! A heron or an egret (is wading/are wading) in the water!



The blue heron is commonly found wading in the Everglades.