

**Lesson 55** Circle the simple subject in each sentence. Then underline the correct form of each verb in parentheses.

Hint: Box **PP**  
Your subject will NOT Be in **PP**

- This can of clams (smell/smells) fishy!
- Clams (is/are) supposed to smell fishy.
- Fresh clams from New England (taste/tastes) great in chowder.
- When fresh clams aren't available, chowder made with canned clams (is/are) just fine.
- The students in my cooking class (make/makes) chowder with fresh fish.
- Clam juice from bottles (enhance/enhances) the chowder's flavor.
- Too much liquid in chowder (make/makes) the broth watery.
- Chunks of potato (help/helps) to thicken the broth.
- The broth in these bowls (seem/seems) too thin.
- But thick and lumpy soup (do/does) not appeal to me either.
- The pot full of vegetables (is/are) bubbling vigorously.
- Cooks with experience (stir/stirs) chowder to keep solid ingredients from sticking.
- Chowder without salt and pepper (taste/tastes) bland.
- A package of oyster crackers (is/are) served with each bowl of chowder.
- The ingredients in this soup (was/were) the freshest the cook could find.

**Lesson 56** Look at the compound subject in each sentence. Circle the conjunction(s). Then underline the correct verb.

- Ben and <sup>they</sup> his sister Veronica (is/are) very active on weekends.
- A bike ride, a swim, or <sup>s</sup> a hike (is/are) likely to be their choice this weekend.
- Sometimes Rene and <sup>they</sup> Jaime (go/goes) biking or swimming with them.
- Neither Rene nor <sup>s</sup> Jaime (enjoy/enjoys) hiking, though.
- Veronica, Ben, Jaime, and <sup>they</sup> Rene often (bike/bikes) to the neighborhood park.
- Bike lanes and <sup>they</sup> paths (make/makes) their rides at the park safe and pleasant.
- On occasion, either Ben or <sup>s</sup> Jaime (bring/brings) along a soccer ball.
- Veronica and <sup>they</sup> her brother also (like/likes) rainy days.
- On those days, either Veronica or <sup>s</sup> Ben (bake/bakes) cookies.
- Peanut butter or <sup>s</sup> oatmeal (is/are) the kind Veronica usually makes.
- Shortbread or <sup>s</sup> ginger snaps (is/are) more to Ben's liking.
- Sometimes Veronica, Ben, and <sup>they</sup> their little brother Freddy (watch/watches) TV.
- Ben or <sup>s</sup> Freddy usually (pick/picks) the show.
- Veronica and <sup>they</sup> her two brothers (prefer/prefers) classic cartoons to new ones.
- Now and then, Freddy or <sup>s</sup> Ben (choose/chooses) a nature show.

Remember -  
★ if conjunction "and" is used, substitute the subjects with "they"

★ if conjunction "or" is used, only focus on the subject closest to the verb