

# Singular and Plural Verbs

Verb – action word

Singular – one

Plural – more than one

# Base Form of Verbs

- Base word is the basic form of any word
- Base form of a verb can be changed into:
  - Singular or plural
  - Past tense, present tense, future tense
- Change the base form of a verb by:
  - Adding an ending to the verb
  - Spelling a word differently (for irregular verbs)
  - Using a different word altogether (for irregular verbs)

# Singular Present Tense Verb

- Singular – one
- Present tense – happening now
- Singular verb ends in –s or –es
- Examples:
  - The brother purchases cheesesteaks and milkshakes at Toby's Cup
  - The groundhog lives under the trailers by the tennis courts.

# Plural Present Tense Verb

- Plural – more than one
- Present tense – happening now
- Plural verbs do **NOT** end in –s or –es, unless the base form of the verb usually ends in –s
- Examples:
  - The brothers purchase cheesesteaks and milkshakes at Toby's Cup.
  - The groundhogs live under the trailers by the tennis courts.

# Singular & Plural Past Tense Verbs

- Past tense – happened in the past, already happened
- Make a verb past tense by adding – ed
- Some irregular verbs have a different spelling like run and ran
- When the verb is past tense, the spelling will be the same for singular and plural verbs
- Examples:
  - The brother purchased cheesesteaks and milkshakes at Toby's Cup.
  - The brothers purchased cheesesteaks and milkshakes at Toby's Cup.

# Singular & Plural Future Tense Verbs

- Future tense – hasn't happened yet, will happen
- Make a verb future tense by adding will before it
- When the verb is present tense, the spelling will be the same for singular and plural verbs
- Examples:
  - The brother will purchase cheesesteaks and milkshakes at Toby's Cup.
  - The brothers will purchase cheesesteaks and milkshakes at Toby's Cup.

# Subject Verb Agreement

Agreement – to go long with, to fit with

Subject – person, place, or thing that does the action

Verb – the action word

# Checking Subject Verb Agreement

- Step 1: Find the subject
- Step 2: Determine if the subject is singular (one) or plural (more than one)
- Step 3: Find the verb
- Step 4: Figure out if the verb is singular or plural
- Step 5: make sure that the subject and verb are the same, singular and singular or plural and plural

Match singular subjects with singular verbs and plural subjects with plural verbs.