**Subject -Verb Agreement**

* A subject and its verb must agree in number.
* Singular subjects take singular verbs, and plural subjects take plural verbs.

Ex: (Singular) Joe likes pizza.

(Plural) Skyscrapers are very tall.

If the parts of a compound subject are joined by *and*, use a plural verb. (Plural) Mary and Charles are my friends.

Ranchers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the horses well. (handle)

A good horse\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_his owner. (obey)

* If a compound subject is joined by *or, either…or,* or *neither…nor*, make the verb agree with the subject that is closer to it.
* In sentences beginning with *here* or *there*, first find the subject, and then make the verb agree with it.

Ex: There (was, were) no cars before the 1800s.

Neither Laura nor the others (know, knows) their lines yet.

Either Mike or John (practice, practices) everyday for

baseball.