Grammar Explanation

Fixing verbs that are missing a final -s

- In the present tense, add an –s to the base form of the verb if the subject is or can be replaced by he, she, or it.
  - Example: The government collects taxes; it uses the tax revenue to pay its expenses.

- Also add an –s to the base form of the verb if the subject is an indefinite pronoun, such as everybody, everyone, or no one.
  - Example: Everybody wants to have health and happiness.

- Use does not/doesn’t + the base form of the verb if the subject is or can be replaced by he, she, or it (or is an indefinite pronoun).
  - Incorrect: He don’t agree with the decision.
  - Corrected: He doesn’t agree with the decision.

- Do not add an –s to the verb that follows a modal verb (e.g., can, could, should, must) or to the modal verb itself.
  - Incorrect: The president can vetoes bills that are passed by Congress.
  - Corrected: The president can veto bills that are passed by Congress.