

63. HOW TO IDENTIFY AND CORRECT MISSING –S VERB ENDINGS

1. Double underline the simple form of the verb in your sentences. 2. Underline the matching subjects.	3. Check to see that:	4. Correct any mistakes with the verb.
<p><u>John</u> <u>live</u> in New York.</p> <p><u>The government</u> <u>collect</u> taxes.</p> <p><u>Everybody</u> <u>like</u> music.</p>	<p>the subject and verb AGREE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Add –s to the verb if you can replace the subject with <i>he, she, or it</i>. <p style="text-align: center;">lives</p> <i>John</i> ^ <u>live</u> in New York. <p style="text-align: center;">collects</p> <i>The government</i> ^ <u>collect</u> taxes. ■ Also add –s to the verb if a word such as <i>everybody</i> is the subject. <p style="text-align: center;">likes</p> <i>Everybody</i> ^ <u>like</u> music.

EXERCISE: Correct the verbs that are missing an –s ending.

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 - Also add –s for *everyone, everybody*, etc.

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ANSWER KEY

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