Subject-Verb Agreement

Agreement mistakes are common in the following cases:

1. If a group of words separates the subject and verb.

   ✗ Incorrect: The box of pamphlets are under the counter.

   ✓ Correct: The box of pamphlets is under the counter.

2. If the verb comes before the subject.

   ✗ Incorrect: Of all animals mentioned, the most endangered is the Ethiopian wolf and the pygmy raccoon.

   ✓ Correct: Of all the animals mentioned, the most endangered are the Ethiopian wolf and the pygmy raccoon.

3. When collective nouns are used.

   ✗ Incorrect: The committee meet each month.

   ✓ Correct: The committee meets each month. (A committee is a group of more than one person, but nouns like these are considered singular.)

4. When certain pronouns are used.

   Be careful when using everyone, each, all, anyone, anything, someone, somebody, something, no one nobody, neither, either, none, some,