



Comprehension

Paris' Pool Party

How carefully did you listen to the podcast today? We've written some questions to test how well you were concentrating. Write your answers to the questions below and then check with a partner to see whether you both got them right.



1. What event is Paris hosting that involves the Seine River?

2. Describe how the Seine river is portrayed in the news story.

3. Why is the Paris mayor planning to dive into the Seine?

4. What does Bryce mean when he says those willing to dive in with her are 'brave souls'?

5. What are the humorous suggestions made for those attending the Seine pool party?

6. Draw a picture of what you think the Seine pool party might look like.



Subject-verb agreement

A Verb Must Agree with its Subject



Subject-verb agreement is a key grammar rule that means **the subject** (who or what the sentence is about) **and the verb** (the action or being word) **must match in number** (singular or plural) **and tense** (when the action happens).

1. Circle or type in the correct subject to complete the sentence about a story in today's podcast.

In tackling severe allergic reactions, _____ are key to medical advances.

scientist / scientists

To show the river is clean, _____ is planning a public swim in the Seine.

the mayor / the mayors

The _____ were using leaves to treat their wounds.

orangutan / orangutans

2. These sentences are written in the past tense. Rewrite them into the present tense, using the correct form of the verbs.

Hint: *The nearest noun is not always the subject. Like in "The list of items is on the desk." Here, "list" is the subject, not "items." Make sure you pick the subject that relates to the verb.*

The spaceship was sending photos from the moon.

am/are/is

I was planning on staying up late to see the meteor shower.

am/are/is

Pollen and pet hair were causing everyone to sneeze.

am/are/is

The healing properties of the leaf helped the orangutan heal.

am/are/is