



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. How does the story connect the condition of the Seine river with the upcoming Olympic games?

2. What are the potential risks mentioned in the story associated with swimming in the Seine?

3. What is the main reason the Paris mayor plans to dive into the Seine River?

4. Explain the significance of the mayor's action in relation to the upcoming Olympic event.

5. How has Bryce included humour in this story? How does it affect the reader's perception of the Seine's condition?

6. What are the implications of holding the triathlon event in the Seine for Paris's image internationally.



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 in the correct verb/ pair of verbs to complete the sentences correctly.

The scientists at Johns Hopkins University _____ conducts / conducted / conduct
a recent study that showed kids can increase their tolerance to peanuts."

Later this year, the Paris mayor and others _____ swam / swim/ will swim
the Seine to showcase the river's improved condition.

Many Australians _____ with allergies, which can deal/ dealt/ deals
range from mild to severe

Changing things up

2. These sentences are written in either past or present tense with either singular or plural subjects. Change both the tense and the number of subjects and rewrite the sentences using the correct verb or verb pairs.

The spaceship was sending photos from the moon.

The spaceships are sending photos from the moon.

These particular plants are known to have healing properties

If you go outside tonight, you might catch the end of the Eta Aquariid meteor shower.

In coming weeks, some people in Paris will dive into the Seine to prove its cleanliness.

Hint 1: 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.

Hint 2: Don't Get Tricked by Extra Words: Sometimes, other words sit between the subject and the verb, like in "The girl with the dogs walks every day." Even though "dogs" is plural, "girl" is the subject, so the verb "walks" stays singular.