

Some nouns always take a singular verb.

↳ E.g. Scenery, advice, information, machinery, stationery, furniture, abuse, fuel, rice, gram, issue, bedding, repair, news, mischief, poetry, business, economics, physics, classic, ethics, athletics, innings, gallows.

E.g. (a) The scenery of Gulmarg is enchanting.

(b) He has given advice.

Some nouns are singular in meaning, but they are used as plural nouns and always take a plural verb.

E.g. cattle, gentry, peasantry, artillery, people, clergy, company, police

(a) The cattle are grazing in the ground.

(b) Police have controlled the situation.

Plural nouns taking plural verbs.

Trucks, ... spectacles, statistics, shorts, models.

Irregular nouns taking plural verbs.

Trousers, scissors, spectacles, stockings, shorts, measles, goods, alms, premises, thanks, tidings,

E.g. Where are my trousers?

~~is~~ Spectacles are a costly item

✓ Nouns — length, measure, money, weight, number.

foot, meter, pair, score, dozen, head, year,
hundred, thousand, millions

(a) It is a five years degree course

(b) I have seven dozen of shoes.

Collective Nouns such as jury, public, team, committee, government, audience, orchestra, company etc. singular as well as plural.

(a) The jury were divided in their opinion.

(b) The team has not arrived yet.

Advice - counsel
Advices - information.

haughty

Air - atmosphere
Air - proud

Authority - command
authorities - persons in power

Good - wise
Goods - property

Iron - metal
Irons - chains, fetters.

Force - strength
Forces - armies

Content - satisfaction
Contents - things contained

respect - regards

respect - regards
respects - compliments

work - job.
works - factories, compositions.

Lectureship . X lectureship ✓

Free ship X studentship ✓

Boarding X boarding house ✓

Family members X Members of the family ✓

English teacher X the teacher of English ✓

Cousin - brother or sister - X • cousin - ✓

Wages -

Wage - punishments.

✓ Every student must bring his luggage.

Each of the boys must carry his own bag.

Each of the boys must carry his own -- U

Everybody, anybody, everyone, each / masculine / feminine / gender.

- I shall be happy to help each of the boys in this practice.
- Anyone can qualify this exam if he tries.
- Each of the six boys in the class has finished his task.

One must finish one's homework in time.

Reflexive pronoun:-

↳ He absented himself from the meeting.

Who — subject
Whom — object

↳ This is who I am.

↳ Whom should I call.

} Exceptions.

either . . . or, neither . . . nor, and 'or',

pronoun used is singular.

E.g. Either Rohan or Sohan will give his book. ✓

Singular and a plural noun are joined by 'or',
'nor', pronoun must be plural.

Either the student or his teachers failed in their duty.

'Whose' is used for living person.

'Which' is used for lifeless objects.

Which novel did you select?

Whose photograph is lying there?

I shall buy some apples. —

I shall not buy any apples.

Have you bought any apples? !

Few means 'not many'

A few

'some at least'

The few

'whatever there is'

Few men are free from fault.

A few boys will pass in the examination.

I have already read the few books that are

I have already read the few books that are in the library.

Less → quantity
fewer → number.

No fewer than fifty students were selected.

There are no less than five litres of water in the bottle.

<u>little</u> ,	<u>a little</u> ,	<u>the little</u> .
↓	↓	↓
'hardly any'	'some'	'not much'

There is a little hope of his recovery.
A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.

o in a little may be

The little water that is in the well is used for the patient.

✓ Elder - same family

✓ Olders - 'then' is followed after older

Rohan is older than all other boys of this area.

Sabu is my elder brother.
