

Study Guide for GUM Assessment

Subject Verb Agreement: Subjects and verbs match when there is agreement between them. One basic rule applies to all subjects and verbs.

Tip A verb must agree with its subject in number**

All nouns, pronouns, and verbs have number. Number is the term that is used to indicate whether a word is singular (one) or plural (more than one).

Tip Since the pronouns take the place of nouns, pronouns also have number. The pronoun *you* can be either singular or plural.**

Singular and Plural Subjects

A singular subject takes a singular verb.

A plural subject takes a plural verb.

Verb Phrase: is a main verb plus one or more helping verbs.

Tip Most adjectives and adverbs have three degrees of comparison: the positive, the comparison and the superlative.**

The positive degree is used when a person, place or thing, or action is being described and no comparison is being made.

The comparison degree is used when two people, places things, or actions are being compared.

The superlative degree is used when more than two people, places, things, or actions are being compared.

Predicate Adjective: describes the subject and follows a linking verb such as am, is, are, was, were, appear, feel, look, seem, and smell.

Present Tense: present tense of a verb tells that the action is taking place now or continuously.

Past Tense: past tense of a verb tells the action took place in the past.

Past Participle: past participle of a verb tells the action began in the past and was completed in the past.

Tipthe irregular verbs *bring* and *take* are often confused with each other. When you *bring* something it is coming in or toward you. When you *take* something, it is moving away.**

Tip the irregular verbs *lay* and *lie* are easily confused. The verb *lay* means to place. The verb *lies* means to recline.**

Adverbs: modify verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs. Some adverbs are easily confused with adjectives.

Tip** Bad is adjective and badly is an adverb. Good is adjective and well is an adverb.