Subject-Verb Agreement?

- Remember back to our previous discussions of paragraph and sentence unity in your writing.

- **Singular** subjects use singular verbs.

- **Plural** subjects take plural verbs.

- See note for a nifty subject-verb agreement chart.
Is Versus Are!

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- Hydrogen peroxide is an unstable compound.
- Characters are not well developed in O Henry's short stories.
• Pause.
• Take a breath!!!
• Questions?
Subject-Verb Agreement!

- When you are dealing with the present tense, add an "s" to the verb.
- The President has the power to veto congressional legislation.

- **Singular nouns** in the third person also include an "s" on the verb.
- She frequently cites statistics to support her assertions.

- See note for more about **collective nouns**.
Even More Subject-Verb Agreement!

- When dealing with a plural noun, do not add an "s"
- Experts recommend that dieters avoid salty processed meat.
- See note for more about compound nouns and subjects, and how to deal with modifying phrases.
Subject-Verb Agreement!!!

- Group Work????!!!!???

- Psst! See the note on this slide for some tips about revising erroneous **subject-verb agreement**.