



A Major Key Point: subject/verb disagreement

Sometimes a phrase will come
between the subject and its predicate.

The **girl** with the **apples** goes home.

Here, the subject is *girl*, and the predicate is *goes*.

What often happens in this situation is that we
mistakenly match the verb to the object of preposition
that is next to it instead of matching the verb
to its real subject. When we do this, it is a disaster:

The girl with the **apples** go home.

The sentence no longer makes sense.

If the subject is plural, its verb must be plural, too:

girl goes girls go

The verb must ALWAYS agree
with its subject in number (singular or plural), period.

Find the real subject and verb, match them,
and ignore anything in between.

Wrong: The boats on the canal is quick

Right: The **boats** on the canal **are** quick.