Subject-Verb Agreement

Verb Endings

When using a verb in a sentence, you much conjugate the verb to match the subject.

Conjugate means to change the form of the verb to match the subject.

In German, we just change the ending (for most verbs).

1 – Identify the subject and verb combination. ich + spielen

2 – Find the root of the verb by removing the –en. spiel~~en~~ becomes spiel

3 – Identify the ending needed. ich requires an –e ending

4 – Add the correct ending and use in a sentence. Ich spiele Karten.

Ending Chart for Verb Conjugation

                             Singular                  Plural

 pronoun ending pronoun ending

first person          ich             e            wir        en

second person    du             st            ihr         t

third person         er/sie/es   t              sie        en

formal you\*                Sie        en

 \*singular and plural

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