

LESSON 40: COMBINING SUBJECTS WITH "ARE"**I GRAMMAR SNAPSHOT • TWO SUBJECTS SHARING ONE QUALITY**

• **Two Subjects Joined by "And":** When two things share the same quality, join them with **and**.

• **Use "Are" for Two:** Because there are now two naming words together, change the linking word from **is** to **are**.

STUDY THE PATTERN:

1. The apple is round.
2. The orange is round.

ONE COMBINED STATEMENT:

"The apple and the orange are round."

• COMBINE THE TWO STATEMENTS INTO ONE COMPLETE SENTENCE USING " ARE ":**1. An apple and an orange:**

- *The apple is round.* • *The orange is round.*
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2. Iron and gold:

- *Iron is heavy.* • *Gold is heavy.*
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3. The dog and the cat:

- *The dog is playful.* • *The cat is playful.*
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4. Sugar and honey:

- *Sugar is sweet.* • *Honey is sweet.*
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- _____

5. The sun and the star:

- *The sun is bright.* • *The star is bright.*
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- _____

SELF CHECK Both subjects joined by "and" • Plural verb "are" used • Capital letter • Period (.) at end.

LESSON 40: COMBINING SUBJECTS WITH "ARE" — ANSWER KEY & GUIDE

CURRICULUM FOCUS & LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- **Compound Subject Formation:** Coordinating two singular subjects with *and*, creating a plural compound subject.
- **Subject-Verb Agreement Shift:** Transforming the singular linking verb *is* to plural *are* when subjects are compounded.

1. The apple is round. / The orange is round.	The apple and the orange are round.	Acceptable: <i>The apple and orange are round.</i> Crucial shift from <i>is</i> to <i>are</i> .
2. Iron is heavy. / Gold is heavy.	Iron and gold are heavy.	Mass nouns compounded: <i>Iron and gold are heavy.</i> No articles required.
3. The dog is playful. / The cat is playful.	The dog and the cat are playful.	Plural verb agreement with common animals: <i>are playful</i> .
4. Sugar is sweet. / Honey is sweet.	Sugar and honey are sweet.	Substances / foods compounded: <i>Sugar and honey are sweet.</i>
5. The sun is bright. / The star is bright.	The sun and the star are bright.	Singular astronomical nouns compounded with plural verb: <i>are bright</i> .

CONTRAST WITH LESSONS 37-39

Contrast clearly for the class: In Lesson 37, one subject had two qualities (*The lemon is yellow and sour* - verb remains *is*). In Lesson 40, two subjects share one quality, so the verb **MUST** change to **are**.

COMMON ERROR PREVENTION

Young learners often mistakenly write "*The apple and orange is round*". Have the class repeat aloud: *One is round. Two are round.*

Evaluation Metric	Target Standard (Exemplary)	Common Correction Points
Subject-Verb Agreement	Correctly uses plural verb <i>are</i> with compound subject.	Deduct if student keeps singular <i>is</i> .
Compound Subject	Both naming words joined cleanly with <i>and</i> .	Ensure both subjects are included in the sentence.
Mechanics	Initial letter capitalized; ends with period (.).	Check for missing periods.
Spelling	Correct spelling of subjects and adjectives (<i>orange, heavy, playful, sweet</i>).	Check spelling of <i>honey, sugar, orange</i> .