

AGREEMENT

Sometimes we have agreement between subject and verb, but the agreement isn't logical. The sentence's grammatical consistency comes at the expense of having the wrong number of the subject and its verb. Agreement must be logically and grammatically correct. With this in mind, correct the following sentences. Some may be correct they way they stand.

1. If the physical and mental attraction proves equal, so does the years.
2. Of the several types of solenoids, the most popular are the push, found in door chimes.
3. The style and language of the book are designed to ensure readability and interest for undergraduate students, while the theory and research segment provides a thorough coverage of the subject matter that will meet the needs of graduate students.
4. A student may drop a course, but the signature of approval from his or her academic advisor, instructor, and the dean of school is required.

At other times, writers must assure that the agreement between nouns and pronouns or pronouns and pronouns is consistent. Also most pronouns must have antecedents, i.e., nouns or pronouns that go before the pronoun to alert us to the identity of the pronoun.

Examples: The dog walked up to the fire hydrant, lifting its leg.
 The dog walked up to the fire hydrant. It lifted its leg.

To what does "it" refer? That is the antecedent.

5. When a person runs too fast down a steep mountain, they might trip and suffer a nasty accident.
6. Often people argue over small and insignificant details. It usually proves fruitless.
7. When the car plowed into the wall, it exploded, sending a fireball high into the night sky and lighting the immediate area as if it were mid-day.
8. Recently archeologists discovered a cave along the Ventura County coast in which rested the skeletons of half a dozen Chumash Indians who inhabited the area over seven hundred years ago. These remains indicated that none of those buried there lived beyond seventeen, which may indicate that they found only a gravesite for the young.