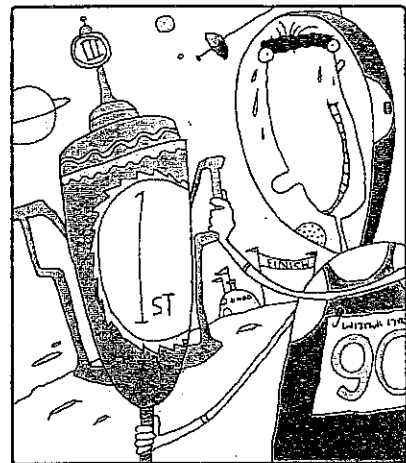


Subject-Verb Agreement 2

In order to check for subject-verb agreement, you must first identify the main subject and its verb. Underlining the main subject once and the verb twice in your rough drafts will help you look for subject-verb agreement in your own writing. (Turn to pages 88-89 in *Write Source 2000* for help with special kinds of agreement problems.)



Directions

Proofread the following passage. Underline the main subjects once and the verbs twice. Then check for subject-verb agreement problems. When you find an error, cross it out and write the correct word above it. The first sentence has been done for you. (If a sentence is correct, don't change it.)

- 1 A triathlon, with its combination of swimming, bicycling, and running,
- 2 is
- 3 are one of the most grueling sports events ever. The Ironman Triathlon, in
- 4 Oahu, Hawaii, have become the ultimate sports challenge among super
- 5 athletes from all over the world. Of course, Hawaii's picture-perfect scenery
- 6 and ideal climate probably doesn't hurt attendance any. A triathlon consists
- 7 of the following events. First, each competitor swims 2.4 miles in the sea.
- 8 After that, they all bikes for 112 miles. To top it off, all competitors runs a
- 9 28-mile marathon. Yes, most of the competitors actually cross the finish
- 10 line.

10 My two aunts, Helga and Sue, has been training for a minitriathlon.
11 Shorter distances makes a minitriathlon more tolerable for an average,
12 well-trained athlete. Neither of my aunts has competed in a triathlon
13 before this year. Some in my family calls Helga and Sue crazy. Those
14 people probably feels jealous of my aunts. I, as well as most of my friends,
15 admire my aunts' determination. Each of them are doing the triathlon for
16 personal reasons. In my book, they is very cool.



Next Step Use the "American to Metric Table" in your handbook to convert the distances for the three triathlon events into meters.