

**CAPITALIZATION:**

In science, a term that is not capitalized is usually capitalized in initials.

Ex.— magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

The name of a particular test is usually capitalized.

Ex.— Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scan (name of a scan)

1. “our central nervous system (cns) consists of the brain and spinal cord,” said j. lee, r.n.

**PUNCTUATION:**

If a scientific term’s abbreviation is given, place the initials in parentheses.

Ex.— magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

2. In her weekly column Mia asked What do you know about human growth hormone HGH
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**SUBJECT/VERB:**

A subject must agree with a verb. A singular subject requires a singular verb, and a plural subject requires a plural verb. In the present tense, add *s* to the verb if the subject is singular. *You* and *I* require a verb without *s* in the present tense. Some collective nouns require the *s*.

Ex.— Mary often <u>laughs</u> .	You <u>laugh</u> .
They <u>laugh</u> .	I <u>laugh</u> .
My group <u>laughs</u> frequently.	Our team <u>laughs</u> often.

When the coordinating conjunction *or* and the correlative conjunctions—*either-or* or *neither-nor*—are used, the verb agrees with the subject closer to the verb.

Ex.— Either two clerks or a manager greets customers during the holiday sales.

Underline the subject; place two lines under the correct verb or verb phrase.

3. a. Wheat or other grains (is, are) important to their diet.
- b. Neither his aunts nor his mother (like, likes) to shop.

**DIFFICULT WORDS:**

It’s is a contraction for *it is*. Ex.— It’s sunny.

Its is a possessive pronoun. Ex.— The bird flew to its nest.

Your is a possessive pronoun that modifies a noun. Ex.— I like your name.

You’re is a verb contraction meaning *you are*. Ex.— You’re a great writer.

Circle the correct word:

4. a. Was (there, they’re, their) response positive toward (you’re, your) idea?
- b. Are you aware that (it’s, its) unlawful to drive without (you’re, your) seat belt secured?

**SENTENCE COMBINING:**

5. Jemima stood during the meeting. \_\_\_\_\_  
She then asked a serious question. \_\_\_\_\_