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Making Subject and Verb Agree

Lesson 55

Read and Discover

Jewish tales of a helpful monster have been told and retold for centuries.

Circle the boldfaced noun that is the simple subject of this sentence. Is this noun singular or plural? _____ Underline the helping verb that agrees with the subject. What form of this verb would be used if the simple subject of this sentence was *tale*? _____

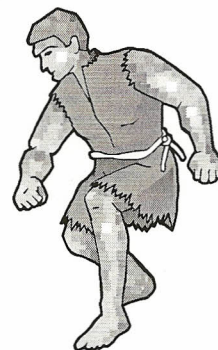
The **subject** and its **verb must agree**. Add *s* or *es* to a verb in the present tense when the subject is a singular noun or *he, she, or it*. Do not add *s* or *es* to a verb in the present tense when the subject is a plural noun or *I, you, we, or they*. The verb *be* is irregular. Singular forms of *be* are *is, am, was*. Plural forms are *are* and *were*. Be sure the verb agrees with its subject and not with the object of a preposition that comes before the verb.  **Remember to use this information when you speak, too.**

See Handbook Section 18f

Part 1

Circle the simple subject in each sentence. Then underline the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. Stories about the golem (is/are) still told and read today.
2. According to legend, the body of a golem (is/are) made of clay and dust.
3. Only a person very learned in the ways of magic (is/are) able to bring the clay golem to life.
4. These monsters, human in form, (is/are) very strong but unable to speak.
5. One of the most famous golem stories (is/are) "The Golem of Prague."
6. At the time in which this tale is set, the sixteenth century, Jewish people (was/were) terribly persecuted in many parts of eastern Europe.
7. In the story, the rabbi of Prague, a religious leader known for his great knowledge, (creates/create) a golem to guard his people.
8. This protector of the Jews (roams/roam) the streets of the city at night, stopping crime.
9. Some parts of the story (is/are) humorous.
10. The wife of the rabbi (asks/ask) the golem to carry water from the well to fill a washtub.
11. The obedient golem (carries/carry) buckets of water so fast that the tub is soon overflowing.
12. (Is/Are) the persecutors of the Jews brought to justice with the help of the golem?
13. Yes, a plot to make false accusations against the Jewish residents (is/are) revealed by the golem, who has been disguised as a night watchman.
14. The king, hearing news of the cruel plot, (issue/issues) an order protecting the Jewish people.
15. When the help of the golem is no longer needed, the rabbi (turns/turn) the giant back into clay.
16. According to legend, the clay form of the golem still (lies/lie) hidden, waiting to be brought to life if needed.



In legends of the golem, a clay figure comes to life.

