

SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT: EXERCISE #1

NAME: _____

WHAT TO DO: In the sentences below circle the correct verb so that it agrees with its subject.

1. Each of the fireplaces in Trutz-Drachen (is, are) waiting to be lit.
2. Two of the chimneys (is, are) joining in front of Hans.
3. Neither of those two paths (is, are) clearly the right choice.
4. A bunch of newly trussed fowls (was, were) held by the woman in the kitchen.
5. But right now nobody in that room (is, are) noticing Hans in the chimney.

WHAT TO DO: Copy-edit the errors in the following sentences. There are **SIX** errors.

Neither the woman nor the boy were aware of the visitor in the room. "Thou ugly toad, said the woman, "did I not bid thee make a fire an hour ago?" She then wondered about all, the soot that had fallen on the floor. As a matter of fact the boy was puzzled, too! As soon as the boy began, to light the fire, Hans made his move. He braced his elbows against the sides of the chimney, straightened his legs and crashed to the floor.

SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT: EXERCISE #2

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WHAT TO DO: In the sentences below circle the correct verb so that it agrees with its subject.

1. Fortunately for Hans, neither the scullion nor the cook (runs, run) very quickly.
2. Each of the women in the castle (tries, try) to stop their trembling.
3. After settling themselves, everybody in the room (begins, begin) to accuse the boy of trickery.
4. Neither Long Jacob nor the scullion (guesses, guess) that Hans is hiding in the room.
5. One of the sentinels (is, are) patrolling the gallery.

WHAT TO DO: Copy-edit the errors in the following sentences. There are **SEVEN** errors.

Then sentinels arms were bound before he know what hit him. "Listen, brother," Hans whispered, dost thou know the feel of this? A cold hard dagger was pressed hard, against the sentinel's neck. Hans loosened the gag on the man's mouth and the sentinel led him towards young, Otto's cell.

SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT: EXERCISE #3

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WHAT TO DO: In each sentence below there is a comma split. In the spaces below each sentence are the numbers of all the other punctuation in the sentence. Find the comma split and write its number in the space at the left. Write what it is splitting beside that comma's number below the sentence. Next to the other numbers, write the buzzword of the rule for that punctuation. Remember that each set of quotation marks counts as one thing. We will only put a number under the open quote (") mark, not the close quote (") mark.

_____ One-eyed Hans gave Otto, a simple, quick explanation of how he knew Baron
1 2 3

- Conrad.
- #1 _____
- #2 _____
- #3 _____

_____ Yes, the rescuer had brought, a knotted rope with him to Trutz-Drachen.
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- #1 _____
- #2 _____
- #3 _____

_____ Little Otto began to weep softly, but neither he nor Hans was, ready to give up.
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- #1 _____
- #2 _____
- #3 _____