

Verbs in Sentences

The subject and the verb in a sentence must work together, or **agree**.

Decide whether a noun subject is singular or plural. Then use the verb form that agrees with it: Marven laughs. The lumberjacks laugh. If the verb tells what the subject is or does now (present tense), follow the rules below.

- When a singular noun or *he, she, or it* is the subject, the verb usually is written with **-s** or **-es**: The snow falls gently. She watches a skier.
- Verbs that end in a **consonant** and **y** change the **y** to **i** before adding **-es**: The skier flies through the snow.
- When the singular pronoun *I* or *you* is the subject, write the verb without **-s** or **-es**: I fall asleep. You watch a skier.
- When a plural noun or a plural pronoun (*we, you, they*) is the subject, write the verb without **-s** or **-es**: The snowflakes dart through the air. Then they stick to the ground.
- For the verb **be**, use *is* to agree with singular subjects and *are* to agree with plural subjects: The snow is white and cold. My friends are happy when it snows.

A Write **Yes** if the underlined verb in each sentence agrees with the subject. Write **No** if the verb and subject do not agree.

1. I sees the snowy mountains in the distance.
2. Four peaks shine in the sunlight.
3. This valley glows at dusk.
4. Grizzly bears tramps through the snow.
5. A grizzly cub cries for its mother.

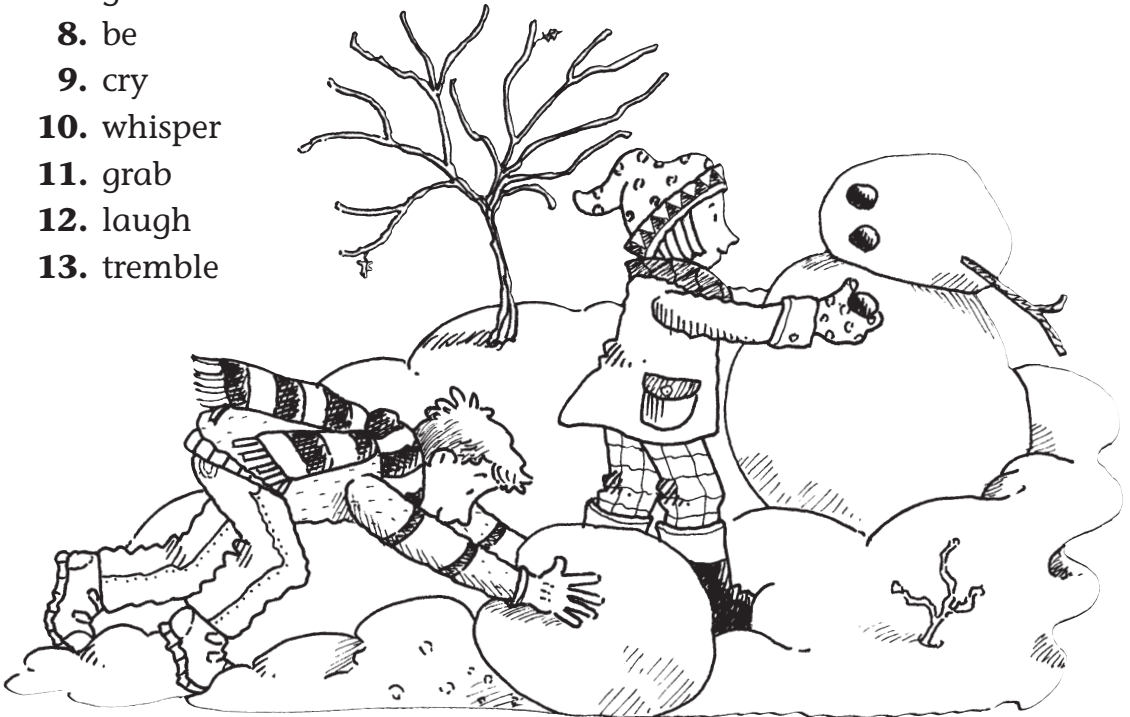
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B Put each group of words in order and write a complete sentence. Make sure the verb agrees with the subject. Remember to begin sentences with a capital letter and end them with a period.

1. boy eat breakfast the
2. gobbles muffins eggs he and
3. brother toast make his always
4. they outside then runs
5. at throw his snowballs brother he

C Make up your own sentences, using the words given. Use the correct form of the verb to agree with each subject.

6. freeze
7. growl
8. be
9. cry
10. whisper
11. grab
12. laugh
13. tremble



Review and Assess

Choose the correct verb to complete each sentence. Write the sentence.

1. The lumberjack (wake, wakes) up before sunrise.
2. His eyes (is, are) blue and clear.
3. He (pull, pulls) on his socks and pants.
4. His stomach (growl, growls) loudly.
5. The cook (fry, fries) eggs and ham for everyone.

Write the letter of the word that completes each sentence.

6. The young boy _____ a deep growl.

A hear **C** hears
B is **D** are

7. He _____ frightened by the sound.

A is **C** are
B be **D** tries

8. Trees _____ in the strong wind.

A is **C** shakes
B sway **D** sways

9. He _____ to find his way in the storm.

A try **C** trys
B trie **D** tries

10. Suddenly he _____ his friend behind the trees.

A be **C** see
B sees **D** am

