

- A verb in the **present tense** tells what happens now.
- A present-tense verb must **agree** with its subject.
- Add -s to most verbs if the subject is singular.
- Add -es to verbs that end in *s*, *ch*, *sh*, *x*, or *z* if the subject is singular.
- Change *y* to *i* and add -es to verbs that end with a consonant and *y*.
- Do not add -s or -es to a present-tense verb when the subject is plural or *I* or *you*.

Underline the correct verb in each sentence below.

1. Fourteen guests (come, comes) to Sarah's party.
2. They (listen, listens) to riddles.
3. The riddles (give, gives) clues.
4. The clues (lead, leads) to prizes.
5. Some guests (search, searches) in the house.
6. Others (look, looks) outside the house.
7. Sarah (worry, worries) that the riddles are too hard.
8. The guests (laugh, laughs) as they follow the funny clues.
9. Soon they (find, finds) their prizes.
10. "I hope you (enjoy, enjoys) your prizes!" says Sarah.
11. A girl (pick, picks) up a clue.
12. Everyone (sit, sits) at the table.