

Worksheet 3/7 on Subject Verb Agreement

Mini Lesson

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3 In Egypt, the Goddess Bast is a black cat. Christians tells/tell us that black cats crossing your path will cut you off from God and heaven.

4 It is believed that Gods lives/live in oak trees. Girls and boys knock/knocks on wood 3 times to make a tribute to the Gods. Knock on wood.

5 If you break/breaks mirrors it will bring you seven years bad luck because you have to work for that amount of time to re-pay the cost of a new mirror.

6 Jesus is crucified on Friday and 13 guests sit/sits with Jesus at the last supper with the 13th guest being Judas, the traitor. Fear of Friday the 13th history.

7 Romans pays/pay their soldiers in salt, hence the word salary. Soldiers throw/throws a pinch of spilled salt over their left shoulder to drive away evil spirits.

8 Etymologists claim/claims that the expression "get a lucky break" applied to the person getting the larger half when pulling at the wishbone. Others strokes/stroke the bone and make a wish; hence the name wishbone. Make a wish.

9 Rabbits and hares are considered symbols of fertility and abundance. Rabbits runs/run with their back feet hitting the ground ahead of their front feet; therefore, the back feet are considered lucky. Lucky rabbit foot.

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