

## UNIT 6 ANSWERS: Check your punctuation

### The Golem

In the royal city of Prague there is a place of secrets called the Jewish Town. Over 400 years ago wise Rabbi Low created a Golem out of clay. “I will call you Josef,” said the Rabbi, “and you will have all the abilities of a real man, but without the gifts of speech or common sense.”

The Golem was not allowed to do household chores, as he was made for higher purposes. The people of Prague often forgot this rule, but nobody ever forgot what happened next.

One day, worked off her feet, the Rabbi’s wife ordered the Golem to fetch some water. When she returned to her house, she saw the Golem splashing about happily and her house flooded. The Golem was fulfilling the order of fetching water and did not know when to stop, unless instructed to do so.

Another day Rabbi Low told the Golem to catch some fish. The Golem was taking so long the Rabbi was convinced he was unable to catch any, so he sent a message saying it was fine to return home empty handed. In fact the Golem had caught an entire sack full, but, on the Rabbi’s orders, quickly emptied them all into the river to return home empty handed.

Eventually the Golem’s lack of common sense became so difficult for the people of Prague to understand that the Rabbi decided to be rid of the Golem. The Rabbi spoke sternly to the Golem. “Go up to the attic immediately and go to sleep,” ordered the Rabbi. The Rabbi performed the opposite ritual to what had brought the Golem to life. Soon he was no more than a clay statue. To this day the legend of Golem lives on.

### Self-assessment

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