

**סך מקרי דרדקי כ"ה ינוקי –**

**The total for a teacher of beginners is twenty-five children**

**OVERVIEW**

תוספות taught that the total amount of students for one teacher is twenty-five. תוספות explains how we are to understand this.<sup>1</sup>

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אבל פחות מכאן אין בני העיר יכולין לכופו זה את זה להשכיר להם מלמד:

**However less than this** amount, if there are not twenty-five students in the city, **the people of the city cannot force each other to hire a teacher** for these children.

**SUMMARY**

We require a minimum of twenty-five children to coerce all the people of the city to hire a teacher.

**THINKING IT OVER**

Why did תוספות not want to learn that twenty-five is the maximum amount<sup>2</sup> of children for one teacher?<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The expression סך מקרי וכי would indicate perhaps that the total should not be more than twenty-five, or perhaps it means that we need a total of twenty-five to hire a teacher. See 'Thinking it over'.

<sup>2</sup> See footnote # 1.

<sup>3</sup> See רמב"ן, רשב"א, etc.