

# Simple Present Tense Practice

Read the following information carefully. Remember: we can say Simple Present or Present Simple

## Present Simple

### Form



#### Affirmative

I walk  
You walk  
He walks  
She walks  
It walks  
We walk  
You walk  
They walk

#### Negative

I **don't** walk  
You **don't** walk  
He **doesn't** walk  
She **doesn't** walk  
It **doesn't** walk  
We **don't** walk  
You **don't** walk  
They **don't** walk

#### Interrogative

Do I walk?  
Do you walk?  
**Does** he walk?  
**Does** she walk?  
**Does** it walk?  
Do we walk?  
Do you walk?  
Do they walk?

#### Short answers

##### Affirmative

Yes, I / you / we / they **do**  
Yes, he / she / it **does**

##### Negative

No, I / you / we / they **don't**  
No, he / she / it **doesn't**

#### Third person singular

We add **-s** to the verb to form the third person singular (**he, she, it**).

I drink - he **drinks**  
I run - he **runs**

#### **BUT**

- We add **-es** to verbs that end in **-ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o**.  
I watch - he **watches**

- With verbs ending in **consonant + y**, we change the **-y** to **-ies**.

I cry - he **cries**

- **But** with verbs ending in **vowel + y**, we just add **-s** as usual.

I play - he **plays**

### Use

We use the **Present Simple**:

- for **habits** and actions that we do regularly:  
He **visits** his friends every Sunday.  
She **goes** to school by bus.
- for **general truths**:  
The sun **rises** in the East.
- for **permanent situations**:  
He **lives** in Athens.



**Expressions used with the Present Simple**

**Frequency adverbs:** always, usually, often, sometimes, rarely, never  
(they are placed before the main verb)

**Time expressions:** every day / week / Friday...  
on Mondays / Sundays...  
at the weekend...  
in the morning / afternoon...  
in winter / spring...  
once a day / week...

A. Write the third singular person of the following verbs. Pay attention to spelling. **Do not** use capital letters to enter the words.

Verb	3rd Singular Person (he-she-it)	Verb	3rd Singular Person (he-she-it)
Play	plays	Go	
Wash		Teach	
Drive		Carry	
Fly		Start	
Help		Kiss	
Watch		Tidy	
Like		Enjoy	
Cry		Mix	

B. Choose the correct option to fill each gap in the sentences.

1.- Peter and his friends  to school by bus.

a goes

b go

c going

2.- Elephants  leaves and grass.

a eat

b eats

c eating

3.- David's father  in a hospital.

a working

b work

c works

4.- The bank  at 9 am and  at 3 pm.

a open and close

b opening and closing

c opens and closes

5.- Our lessons  at 9.00 and  at 3.30.

a starting and finishing

b start and finish

c starts and finishes

C. Complete the gaps with the correct verb from the box.

delivers

fish

goes

jog

loves

rides

rests

walk

work

works

Mr. Letty is a postman. He doesn't 1.  in the post office. He always 2.  outside in the streets. He 3.  letters to all the people in the neighborhood every day. He doesn't 4.  but he 5.  his motorbike. At the weekend, Mr. Letty doesn't work. He 6. . He 7.  the countryside, so he always 8.  to his country house with his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Letty 9.  in the river and they 10.  in the woods every weekend.

D. Complete the gaps with the negative or interrogative forms of the verbs in the parentheses.

Mark: Hi, Tess! What are you doing?

Tess: I'm watching the football team.

Mark: *Do you watch* (watch) them every day?

Tess: No, I don't. They 1.  (not play) every day. They play four times a week.

Mark: 2.  you 3.  (have) a favourite player?

Tess: No, I 4.  (not have) a favourite player. Everyone on the team is good.

Mark: 5.  the attacker 6.  (move) fast?

Tess: No, he 7.  (not move) fast, but he's very clever. 8.  you 9.  (like) football, Mark?

Mark: No, I 10.  (not like) it. I like basketball. It's a great sport.

