

Verbs

THE PRESENT TENSE

28 Present Simple

FORM

Positive

Question

Negative

I You We They	work.	Do	I you we they	work?	I YOU We They	do not (don't)	work.
He She It	works.	Does	he she it	work?	He She it	does not (doesn't)	work.

- There is only one form of *you* in English, which is the same in singular and plural.
- Note the endings with *he*, *she*, and *it*. If the verb ends in *ss*, *sh*, *ch*, or *x*, add *es*:
He finishes (*finish* ends in *sh*)
She watches (*watch* ends in *ch*)

USE

- For something which is permanently true:
I come from France.
He doesn't speak Spanish.
We live in London.
- For repeated actions or habits:
I get up at six o'clock every day.
What time do you leave work?
I don't see them very often.

Practice

Rewrite each sentence as a positive or negative sentence, or a question, according to the instructions.

- 1 I visit my parents very often, (negative)
I don't visit my parents very often.
- 2 Does he go to school every day? (positive)
He goes to school every day.
- 3 She comes from Germany, (question)
Does she come from Germany?

- 4 She goes to work by car. (question)
- 5 We watch television every night, (negative)
- 6 He doesn't walk to work every day. (positive)
- 7 She plays football every Saturday, (question)
- 8 He washes his car every week, (question)
- 9 They live in Australia, (question)
- 10 They go to school by bus. (question)
- 11 Does she finish work at five o'clock? (positive)
- 12 He goes to the cinema on Fridays, (question)
- 13 I come from Africa, (negative)
- 14 Does he live in this street? (positive)
- 15 He works in a restaurant, (question)
- 16 She gets up at five o'clock, (question)
- 17 They eat a lot. (negative)
- 18 Does he work here? (positive)