

Present Simple

Positive, Negative, Interrogative



FORM

POSITIVE:

I, you, we, they: bare infinitive
 he, she, it: bare infinitive + -s
 E.g.:
 I drink milk every day.
 He dinks milk every day.

NEGATIVE:

I, you, we, they: **don't** + bare infinitive
 he, she, it: **doesn't** + bare infinitive.
 E.g.:
 I don't drink milk every day.
 He doesn't drink milk every day.

INTERROGATIVE:

Do + I/ you/we/ they + bare infinitive
 Does + he/she/it + bare infinitive
 E.g.:
Do I drink milk every day?
Does he drink milk every day?

3rd PERSON SINGULAR SPELLING RULES:

General rule: add -s

walk - she walks
 talk - she talks
 answer - she answers

Verbs ending in *s, ss, ch, sh, x*: add -es
 miss - she misses
 watch - she watches
 wash - washes
 fix - she fixes

Verbs ending in o: add -es

go - she goes
 do - she does

Verbs ending in consonant + y: change the y into i and add -es
 study - she studies
 tidy - she tidies

Verbs ending in vowel + y: add -s

play - she plays
 enjoy - she enjoys
 stay - she stays

Write the third person singular in the present simple of the following verbs in the right place.

A

forget	fly	brush	open	say	pray
pay	understand	throw	echo	cook	hurry
touch	study	finish	apply	catch	like
go	want	try	stay	enjoy	wish
play	supply	do	obey	relax	undo

forgets

brushes

says
pays

flies
tries

does

Verb + -s

Verb + -es

Vowel + y + -s

Consonant + y + -es

o + -es

B

Fill in the blanks with the present simple of the verbs in brackets.

- Janet watches (watch) a film on TV.
- The girl _____ (finish) her homework.
- My father _____ (fix) the TV.
- The children _____ (visit) the museum every school year.
- Helen _____ (wash) her hair every two days.
- My friend tries (try) to cheer me up.
- My mother _____ (guide) me.
- They _____ (offer) me a CD every Christmas.
- I _____ (wait) for you whatever happens.
- My mother always _____ (divide) the cake in six.
- My family _____ (plan) a trip to the UK every year.
- Mr. Harris is the one who usually _____ (carry) the heavy boxes to the attic.
- I normally _____ (talk) to John on the phone.
- Karen and Sara _____ (play) the guitar.
- The students _____ (describe) their homes easily.
- Tom _____ (collect) stamps.
- The young boy _____ (cry) for help.
- Susan _____ (wrap) the present.
- Katy _____ (admire) her grandmother.
- Babies _____ (like) to clap their hands.

C Fill in the gaps with the Present Simple (negative) of the verbs in brackets.

- David doesn't watch _____ (not / watch) films in the ciner
- Carol _____ (not / like) to go to parties.
- My parents _____ (not / go) to restaurants.
- Peter _____ (not / close) the door when he enters.
- Nicole _____ (not / obey) any rule.
- Jewels _____ (not / disappear) just like that!
- I _____ (not / like) to wait too much long.
- Mrs. Underwood _____ (not / understand) me.
- The students _____ (not / identify) the subject in the sentence.
- The naughty boys _____ (not / apologise) for their bad behaviour as a rule.
- Caroline _____ (not / like) to be disturbed.
- Thieves _____ (not / admit) that they steal.



D Now use the interrogative form of the present simple.

- Doesthegirl blush _____ (the girl / blush) when her boyfriend kisses her?
- _____ (Caroline / like) to be disturbed?
- _____ (you / explain) clearly?
- _____ (Mum / cook) dinner every day?
- _____ (the pupil / ask) for help?
- _____ (girls / enjoy) going to parties?
- _____ (you / visit) the museum regularly?
- _____ (Charles / arrive) early as a rule?
- _____ (secretaries / make) hotel reservations?
- _____ (Mrs. Clark / water) the plants?
- _____ (the cat / scratch) the front door?
- _____ (your sister / cook) well?



E Rewrite the sentences both in the negative and interrogative forms.

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| 1. I walk to school.
NEG. I don't walk to school.
INT. Do you walk to school? | 5. I talk to Andrew every single day.
NEG. _____
INT. _____ |
| 2. That driver never stops at the traffic lights.
NEG. _____
INT. _____ | 6. Michael works in a big company.
NEG. _____
INT. _____ |
| 3. The boys play football quite well.
NEG. _____
INT. _____ | 7. My Mum mixes all the ingredients.
NEG. _____
INT. _____ |
| 4. This kite flies real high.
NEG. _____
INT. _____ | 8. My brother Alfred studies Spanish at school.
NEG. _____
INT. _____ |