

ENGLISH WORKSHEET

GRAMMAR

Simple present: General statements

Architects design new buildings for cities.	She studies the plans for the new capital.
The city's design includes a lot of green spaces.	The road goes next to an indoor park.
This tall tower doesn't look new.	The skyscraper has a garden inside.

To form the simple present, use the infinitive without to. *I/You/We/They design unusual buildings.* Note that with *he/she/it*, we add *-s* to the verb: *He/She designs a new skyscraper. It looks amazing.* To make a negative sentence, use *don't* or *doesn't*.

The spelling of some verbs changes after adding *-s* or *-es*. Add *-es* to verbs such as *cross* → *crosses*, *wash* → *washes*, *watch* → *watches*. For verbs that end in *y*, drop the *y* and add *-ies*: *study* → *studies*.

Some verbs are irregular: *go* → *goes*, *do* → *does*, *have* → *has*.

4 Listen. Circle the verb you hear. Then listen again to check your answers. TR: 4

1. Capital cities **has** / **have** large public areas.
2. Children often **play** / **plays** in city parks.
3. An architect **teach** / **teaches** how to design buildings.
4. People **doesn't** / **don't** walk on this sidewalk.
5. Huge mountains **surround** / **surrounds** the capital city.
6. In winter the city park **closes** / **close** early.
7. She **study** / **studies** unusual architecture in Denmark.
8. The bridge **doesn't** / **don't** go to the sports center.

5 Write. Fill in the blanks with the correct simple-present form.

1. In Bogotá, people sometimes _____ (use) the highway to bicycle.
2. Residents _____ (like) to relax by the stream.
3. Architects _____ (not design) skyscrapers for rural areas.
4. A new bridge _____ (cross) the highway.
5. People _____ (need) green spaces in capital cities.
6. Sometimes architects _____ (plan) buildings with parks on the roof.
7. In urban areas, people _____ (not enjoy) crowded sidewalks.
8. My village _____ (have) a water tower.
9. The major highway _____ (connect) two big cities.
10. The stream _____ (not go) through the city.

