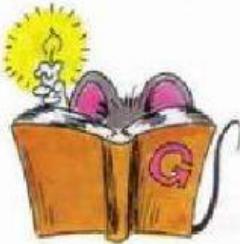


Present Simple (1)

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 person singular of the following verbs.

play _____

go _____

wash _____

teach _____

drive _____

carry _____

fly _____

start _____

help _____

kiss _____

watch _____

tidy _____

like _____

enjoy _____

cry _____

mix _____



B. Complete the sentences with the Present Simple of the verbs in brackets.

1. Peter and his friends _____ to school by bus. (go)

2. Elephants _____ leaves and grass. (eat)

3. David's father _____ in a hospital. (work)

4. The bank opens at 9.30 and _____ at 4.30. (close)

5. Tom and Jim _____ football every day after school. (play)

6. Mr Jones is a teacher. He _____ History. (teach)

7. Our lessons _____ at 9.00 and _____ at 3.30. (start / finish)

8. My pen friend _____ in Japan. (live)

9. Mary and her brother _____ cartoons every Sunday morning. (watch)

10. John _____ his room every day. (tidy)

C. Complete the blanks with the Present Simple of the verbs in the box.

go work ride deliver love jog rest fish walk

Mr Letty is a postman. He doesn't work in the post office. He always **works** outside in the streets.

He _____ letters to all the people in the neighbourhood every day. He doesn't _____ but he _____ his motorbike.

At the weekend, Mr Letty doesn't work.

He _____. He _____ the countryside, so he always _____ to his country house with his wife. Mr and Mrs Letty _____ in the river and they _____ in the woods every weekend.



D. Look at the pictures and write questions and answers, as in the example.

1. play / the guitar / in the afternoon

Does he play the guitar in the afternoon?

No he doesn't play the guitar in the afternoon.

He plays the accordion.



2. walk / after lunch



3. ride / their / bicycles / to work / every day



4. listen / to the radio / every Sunday



5. clean / the house / on Mondays



6. watch / TV / after school



E. Complete the blanks with the **negative** or the **interrogative** form of the Present Simple of the verbs in brackets.

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 **_____** (not play) every day. They play four times a week.

Mark: **_____** you **_____** (have) a favourite player?

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

Mark: **_____** the attacker **_____** (move) fast?

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

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

