



Spelling rules for 3rd Person **s**

Read the questions and answers below. Look at the **verbs**. **1st = first** **3rd = third**

1st person Question		What time do you usually get up on Saturday?
1st person answer		I usually get up at 6 o'clock on Saturday.
3rd person Question		What time does Luis usually get up on Saturday?
3rd person answer		Luis usually gets up at 6 o'clock on Saturday.

In present simple, we add **s** the verb in the 3rd person.

Examples: I play – She plays **s** / I read – He reads **s** / I grow – It grows **s**

TASK – Type the 3rd person verbs

1st person	3rd person
I eat fish and chips every Friday.	Luis <input type="text"/> fish and chips every Friday.
I read The Metro on the tube.	She <input type="text"/> The Metro on the tube.
I wear smart clothes in church.	Joana <input type="text"/> smart clothes in church.
I work every day.	Enilda <input type="text"/> every day.
I always cook tasty food.	Nancy always <input type="text"/> tasty food.
I love dancing.	Yamel <input type="text"/> dancing.
I speak Somali and Dutch.	Alideq <input type="text"/> Somali and Dutch.
I read and write very well.	Geomar <input type="text"/> and <input type="text"/> very well.
I play football every weekend.	Wilson <input type="text"/> football every weekend.
I always get up early for work.	Daisy always <input type="text"/> up early for work.
I visit friends every week.	Salada <input type="text"/> friends every week.
I hate cooking and cleaning.	Tracy <input type="text"/> cooking and cleaning.

Adding s – spelling rules

Most verbs add **s** in the 3rd person – play/plays – work/works – sleep/sleeps – love/loves

Some verbs have different rules.

Have is irregular: **have** – has **haven't** – hasn't

Change the verb

1 st person	3 rd person
I have a lot of enemies.	Trump <input type="text"/> a lot of enemies.
I haven't got any cash.	She <input type="text"/> got any cash.
Have I got any spelling mistakes?	<input type="text"/> he got any spelling mistakes?
I haven't done my homework.	Maria <input type="text"/> done her homework.
I have five children.	Anna <input type="text"/> five children.

For verbs that end in **sh** – add **es** **wash** – wash**es** **wish** – wish**es**

Change the verb

1 st person	3 rd person
I wash a lot of dishes at work.	Joel <input type="text"/> a lot of dishes at work.
I finish work at 9pm.	Tracy <input type="text"/> work at 9pm.
I wish for good news.	Abdi <input type="text"/> for good news.
I fish on Clapham Common.	Zara <input type="text"/> on Clapham Common.
I splash a lot in the pool.	Amira <input type="text"/> a lot in the pool.
I mash potatoes.	The chef <input type="text"/> potatoes.
I squash mosquitos in summer.	She <input type="text"/> mosquitos in summer.
I flush the toilet.	The girl <input type="text"/> the toilet.

For verbs that end in **ch** – add **es** watch**ch** – watch**es** cat**ch** – catch**es**

Change the verb

1 st person	3 rd person
I often watch YouTube videos.	Ali often <input type="text"/> YouTube videos.
I teach ESOL in Brixton.	Tracy <input type="text"/> ESOL in Brixton.
I catch a cold every winter.	Zhor <input type="text"/> a cold every winter.
I match words and pictures.	Jose <input type="text"/> words and pictures.
I scratch an itch foot.	Lara <input type="text"/> an itchy foot.
I reach the top floor.	Ellie <input type="text"/> the top floor.
I stretch before running.	She <input type="text"/> before running.
I catch the 333 bus at night.	The man <input type="text"/> the 333 bus at night.

For verbs that end in **o** – add **es** do – do**es** go – go**es**

Change the verb

1 st person	3 rd person
I never go on holiday.	Ali never <input type="text"/> on holiday.
I do my best to understand.	Ping <input type="text"/> her best to understand.
I go to the Mosque on Fridays.	Mo <input type="text"/> to the Mosque on Fridays.
I do my laundry on Saturday.	Deka <input type="text"/> her laundry on Saturday.
I go home very late from work.	Mila <input type="text"/> home very late from work.
I do my homework on time.	Jo <input type="text"/> her homework on time.

For verbs that end in a **consonant y** – change to **ies** cry – **cries** dry – **dries** try – **tries**

For verbs that end in a **vowel y** – add **s** buy – buy**s** enjoy – enjoy**s**

Change the verb

1 st person	3 rd person
I study ESOL in Brixton.	Yamel <input type="text"/> ESOL in Brixton.
I hurry to work every morning.	Luis <input type="text"/> to work every morning.
I worry about the future.	My mum <input type="text"/> about the future.
I enjoy good food.	Ali <input type="text"/> good food.
I carry the heavy shopping.	She <input type="text"/> the heavy shopping.
I buy food in Aldi.	Akberet <input type="text"/> food in Aldi.
I marry him in December.	He <input type="text"/> him in December.
I cry when I watch the news.	She <input type="text"/> when she watch es the news.
I dry the dishes with a towel.	Anna <input type="text"/> the dishes with a towel.
I try to speak English at work.	Jon <input type="text"/> to speak English at work.