

Present Simple (1)

Form



Affirmative

I walk
You
He
She
It
We
You
They

Affirmative

I wash
You
He
She
It
We
You
They

Affirmative

I watch
Mark
My dog
My parents
Liz and Max
His cats

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.

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.



Make the present simple positive.

1. You _____ (hate) mushrooms.
2. It _____ (snow) every winter.
3. He _____ (clean) the kitchen.
4. They _____ (stay) at home a lot.
5. We _____ (buy) a lot of books.
6. He _____ (drink) a lot of coffee.
7. She _____ (make) dinner.
8. You _____ (like) chocolate.
9. We _____ (get) ready.
10. We _____ (want) a drink.
11. I _____ (eat) a lot of fruit.
12. I _____ (play) tennis every week.
13. He _____ (love) parties.
14. They _____ (work) in the city.

15. She _____ (live) in Hong Kong.
16. You _____ (have) two brothers.
17. I _____ (do) my homework.
18. It _____ (rain) a lot here.
19. I _____ (study) every morning.
20. She _____ (wear) glasses..

Expressions used with the Present Simple

Frequency adverbs: a

U

o

s

r

n

(they are placed before the main verb)

Time expressions: every d / w / F ...

Every y / H / m

on M / on T

on W / on Th

on F / on S

on S

... at the w ...

in the m /in the a

in the e

...in winter / in s /in s /in a...

once a d / w / m / y

