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3.1 Simple Present: Affirmative Statements

Subject	Verb		Subject	Verb	
I You We You They Tom and Sue	**work**	every day.	He She It My brother	**works**	every day.

1. Use the simple present to talk about habits or routines, schedules, and facts.	Habit or Routine: I **exercise** every day. Schedule: She **starts** work at eight. Fact: It **rains** a lot in April.
2. Add *-s* to the verb for *he, she, it,* and singular subjects.	He **drives** to work. She **works** in an office. The bank **opens** at 9:00 a.m.
3. Do not put *be* in front of another verb in the simple present.	✓ He works at a bank. ✗ He is work at a bank.

4 Circle the correct form of the verb to complete each sentence.

1. Doctor Moffett **love** / **loves** his job.
2. He **study** / **studies** ants.
3. A salesperson **sell** / **sells** products for a company.
4. You and Anita **work** / **works** on weekends.
5. Nurses **help** / **helps** people.
6. We **write** / **writes** science books.
7. Our office **close** / **closes** at 7:00 p.m.
8. She **take** / **takes** classes at the business school.
9. You **walk** / **walks** to work every day.
10. I **start** / **starts** work at 8:00 a.m. every morning.

5 **WRITE & SPEAK.** List three activities you do often. Share your sentences with a partner. Then tell the class about your partner.

Student A: *I study. I play games. I talk with my friends.*

Student B: *Maria studies. She plays games. She talks with her friends.*

6 Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. A zookeeper ___feeds___ (feed) animals.
2. Computer programmers _____ (write) software.
3. Photographers _____ (take) photos.
4. A chef _____ (cook) food.
5. A firefighter _____ (fight) fires.
6. Musicians _____ (play) instruments.
7. A farmer _____ (work) on a farm.
8. A dancer _____ (dance).

▼ A zookeeper feeds a rhino at the Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita, Kansas, USA.

3.2 Simple Present Spelling Rules: *-s* and *-es* Endings

1. Add *-s* to most verbs.	close–close**s** dance–dance**s** exercise–exercise**s** feed–feed**s**	love–love**s** open–open**s** play–play**s** put–put**s**	stop–stop**s** take–take**s** write–write**s** work–work**s**
2. Add *-es* to verbs ending in *-sh, -ch, -s, -x,* and *-z.*	wash–wash**es** teach–teach**es**	dress–dress**es** relax–relax**es**	buzz–buzz**es**
3. Change *-y* to *-i* and add *-es* to verbs ending in a consonant + *y.*	carry–carr**ies**	copy–cop**ies**	study–stud**ies**

See page **A2** for additional spelling rules for *-s, -es,* and *-ies* endings.

7 Write each verb with the correct *-s, -es,* or *-ies* ending.

1. study studies
2. fish _____
3. pass _____
4. worry _____
5. explore _____
6. bite _____
7. buy _____
8. help _____
9. miss _____
10. fly _____
11. fix _____
12. watch _____
13. like _____
14. pay _____

3.3 Irregular Verbs: *Do, Go,* and *Have*

Subject	Verb		Subject	Verb	
I You We You They	**do**	the dishes every day.	He She It	**does**	the dishes every day.
	go	to work at 7:00 a.m.		**goes**	to work at 7:00 a.m.
	have	dinner at 6:00 a.m.		**has**	dinner at 6:00 a.m.

The verbs *do, go,* and *have* are irregular for *he, she, it,* and singular subjects.

She **goes** home at six-thirty.
He **has** a meeting at two-thirty.
John **does** the laundry on Sunday night.

8 Complete the paragraphs with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

Manuel and Lila Vega

Manuel and Lila Vega (1) have (have) a busy lifestyle. Manuel is a doctor at a hospital. He works at night, so he (2) _____ (go) to work at 7:00 p.m. and comes home at 7:00 a.m. His wife Lila works at a bank. She (3) _____ (go) to work at 8:00 a.m. and comes home at 6:00 p.m. They don't see each other a lot during the week.

Manuel and Lila also (4) _____ (have) two children, Luis and Carla. Every morning they all (5) _____ (have) breakfast together at 7:30. Then, Luis and Carla (6) _____ (go) to school, and Lila (7) _____ (go) to work. Manuel (8) _____ (do) the dishes, and then (9) _____ (go) to bed. Carla usually (10) _____ (do) her homework at a friend's house in the afternoon, and Luis (11) _____ (have) soccer practice. Manuel gets up at 4:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., he (12) _____ (have) dinner with Lila, Luis, and Carla. After dinner, he (13) _____ (go) to work. Manuel and Lila (14) _____ (have) a busy schedule during the week, but on weekends they relax.