

Doctor Bugs

Most people don't like bugs, but Doctor Mark Moffet **loves** them! In fact, his nickname is Doctor Bugs. He's a photographer and an entomologist. An entomologist **studies** bugs.

Doctor Moffett's favorite bug is the ant. He **goes** all over the world to study ants. He **watches** them as they **eat**, **work**, **rest**, **sleep**, and **fight**.

He **takes** photographs of the ants. He **lies** on the ground with his camera and **waits** for the right moment. The ants and other bugs often **bite** him, but that doesn't stop Doctor Bugs. He **has** an interesting and unusual job, and he **loves** it!



▲ Doctor Mark Moffett

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

1. Add -s to most verbs.

close-closes

love-loves

stop-stops

dance-dances

open-opens

take-takes

exercise-exercises

play-plays

write-writes

feed-feeds

put-puts

work-works

2. Add -es to verbs ending in -sh, -ch, -s, -x, and -z.

wash-washes

dress-dresses

buzz-buzzes

teach-teaches

relax-relaxes

3. Change -y to -i and add -es to verbs ending in a consonant + y.

carry-carries

copy-copies

study-studies

3.1 Simple Present: Affirmative Statements

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

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.

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.

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.



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

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.

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.

Complete the paragraph with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

Bush Pilots

Bush pilots (1) have (have) interesting jobs. They (2) _____ (fly) special planes to Alaska's bush country. (This is a wild area, far away from cities with airports.) Bush pilots (3) _____ (carry) people or supplies in their bush planes. They also (4) _____ (help) rescue people.

Paul Claus is a famous bush pilot. He (5) _____ (have) a lot of experience, and he is an excellent pilot. Paul also (6) _____ (own) a hotel in Alaska. He (7) _____ (fly) customers to his hotel and (8) _____ (take) them on adventures. He (9) _____ (go) to interesting places with them. It's an exciting job!



▲ Bush planes on a glacier in Denali National Park, Alaska, USA

Verbs Configuration para el

EDIT. Read the paragraph. Find and correct five more errors with the simple present.

Bill is a mechanic. He ^sknow a lot about cars. He work at a garage. He fix cars and talks to customers. They asks questions about their cars. Bill works from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. every day. He haves a busy schedule, but he like his job very much.