

2A Simple present: affirmative and negative

We use the simple present to talk about:

- facts.

I'm Italian.

We live in New York.

He doesn't work at a restaurant.

- regular routines.

I work every day.

We go to the movies on the weekend.

They get up at 10 on Sundays.

We form negatives with *don't/doesn't* + the base form of the verb.

2.3	I / you / we / they	he / she / it
+	We work in a hospital. I teach English. They have a new car. You make great coffee.	Laura works in an office. He teaches Japanese. She has a beautiful apartment. Simon makes good tea.
-	We don't work in a school. I don't teach French. They don't have a yard. You don't love your job.	Paul doesn't work in a store. He doesn't teach in a school. She doesn't have a dog. Damian doesn't love his girlfriend.

We usually add *-s* to the verb to make the third person singular (*he/she/it*) form.

He serves food in the restaurant.

She loves her job.

Ivan sings at festivals.

Camilla helps her parents on the weekend.

Spelling rules for third person singular (he/she/it)

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work ⇒ *works*

When the verb ends in a consonant + *y*, we change the *y* to *i* and then we add *-es*.

study ⇒ *studies*

When the verb ends in *-sh*, *-ch*, *-x* or *-s*, we add *-es*.

finish ⇒ *finishes* *watch* ⇒ *watches*

Some verbs are irregular.

go ⇒ *goes* *do* ⇒ *does* *have* ⇒ *has*

- 1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Adam *have / has* a job in a garage.
- 2 Dean likes Mexico, but he *don't / doesn't* like Mexico City.
- 3 Tyler *speak / speaks* French, but he *doesn't* speak German.
- 4 Carla works in the evening, but she *doesn't work / works* on the weekend.
- 5 Barbara and Fatima *teach / teaches* Spanish at a college.
- 6 We *doesn't have / don't have* an office in New York.

- 2 Complete the sentences with the correct affirmative form of the verbs in the box.

watch serve start cut help finish work
go live

- 1 I _____ in an apartment in Rio de Janeiro.
- 2 He's a waiter. He _____ the food.
- 3 My sister is a hairdresser. She _____ people's hair.
- 4 They _____ for a bank in the city.
- 5 Elena _____ tourists. She gives them information.
- 6 We _____ to work every morning by bus.
- 7 Karl _____ TV every evening.
- 8 Sara _____ work at 9 a.m. and she _____ at 5 p.m.

- 3 Look at the information and complete the affirmative and negative sentences about Emma.

work: ~~in a hospital~~ in a store

go to work: ~~by bus~~ by car

finish work: ~~at 4 p.m.~~ at 5:30 p.m.

help: ~~tourists~~ customers



- 1 Emma _____ in a hospital.
She _____ in a store.
- 2 She _____ by bus.
She _____ by car.
- 3 She _____ at 4 p.m.
She _____ at 5:30 p.m.
- 4 She _____ tourists.
She _____ customers.