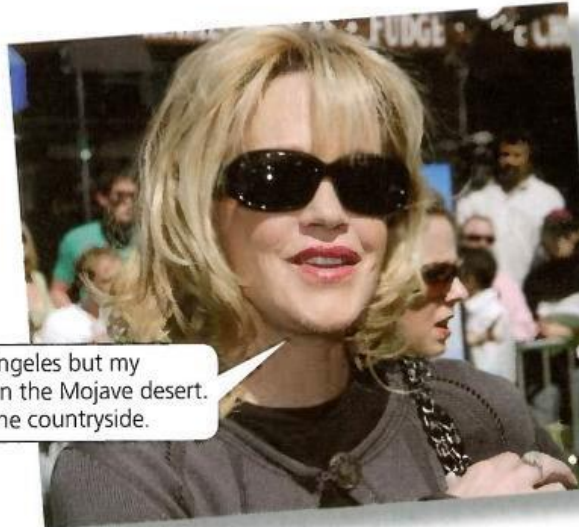


37 Present simple (1)



1 Form

POSITIVE

I/We/You/They	live	in São Paulo.
He/She/It	lives	in the countryside.

We add -s or -es to the verb after *he/she/it*:

go → *goes*, *teach* → *teaches*, *wash* → *washes*, *relax* → *relaxes*

Sometimes the spelling changes:

carry → *carries*, *fly* → *flies*

NEGATIVE

I/We/You/They	do not	like	big cities.
He/She/It	does not		the countryside.

SHORT FORMS

I/We/You/They don't live	here.
He/She/It doesn't live	



After *he/she/it*, we use *doesn't*:

~~He don't like cities.~~ ✓ *He doesn't like cities.*

2 Use

We use the present simple

- for facts that are always true:
*Water **boils** at 100°C and **freezes** at 0°C. The Sun **doesn't go** round the Earth.*
*Some trees **don't lose** their leaves in winter.*
- for things that we don't expect to change:
*I **don't live** in the country; I **live** in the city.*
*My sister **doesn't work** in an office; she **works** in a hospital.*
- for feelings (e.g. *feel*, *hate*, *like*, *love*, *prefer*, *want*):
*My grandfather **likes** the countryside. He **doesn't like** the city. I **prefer** ballet to opera.*
- for thoughts and ideas (e.g. *agree*, *believe*, *know*, *mean*, *remember*, *think*, *understand*):
*'I **think** New York is exciting.'* 'Yes, I **agree**.' A red light **means** 'Stop'. You **don't understand**.

Verbs that don't use the continuous form ➤ Unit 41.2

Practice

1 Write the *he/she/it* form of these verbs below.

+ -s	+ -es	(-y) + -ies
		<i>carries</i>

carry enjoy fly
go hurry know
live relax take
try wash watch

2 Complete the sentences about famous people. Use the verbs in brackets () and short forms.

- 0 The actor Colin Farrell is Irish but he *doesn't work* in Ireland; he *works* in Hollywood. (not work, work)
- 1 Film star Alicia Silverstone meat; she's a vegetarian. (not eat)
- 2 Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie in Hollywood but they there. (work, not live)
- 3 Phil Collins is a famous musician but he painting and acting. (prefer)
- 4 The actor Russell Crowe also and the guitar in an Australian band. (sing, play)
- 5 Nicole Kidman fruit but she strawberries. (love, not eat)
- 6 Catherine Zeta-Jones chocolate or sweets. (not like)
- 7 Antonio Banderas from Spain but he films in Europe these days. (come, not make)
- 8 Businessman Bill Gates is a very rich man but he his children a lot of money. (not give)

3 GRAMMAR IN USE Read about Carmen Salandras. Complete the text with the correct verb forms.

My name is Carmen Salandras. I come from Puerto Rico but I don't live there now. I live in Florida. I work at a big hospital in Miami. It's a fantastic job and I love it. Like a lot of people in Florida, I speak English and Spanish. I'm married and my husband's name is Juan Antonio. We don't live near the beach, we live in an apartment in the centre of the city. In my free time, I enjoy cooking – I try to cook healthy food for my family.



Carmen Salandras (0) *comes* from Puerto Rico but she (1) there now. She (2) in Florida. She (3) at a big hospital in Miami. She (4) her job. Carmen (5) English and Spanish. She is married and her husband's name is Juan Antonio. They (6) near the beach, they live in an apartment in the centre of the city. In her free time, Carmen (7) cooking and she (8) to cook healthy food for her family.