

The Sounds of Now: Present Simple Tense Pronunciation

This guide explores the pronunciation of verbs in the present simple tense!

Regular Verbs (Base form -s)

These verbs add "-s" in the third-person singular (he, she, it) but their pronunciation can vary. Practice recording your voice saying the sentences or words.

Unvoiced Consonant Ending (s sound):

- walk - walks (**s** sound after "k")
- jump - jumps (**s** sound after "p")
- wash - washes (**s** sound after "sh")

● Voiced Consonant Ending (z sound):

- love - loves (**z** sound after "v")
- live - lives (**z** sound after "v")
- cry - cries (**z** sound after "y")

● Vowel Ending (iz sound):

- watch - watches (**iz** sound after "ch")
- play - plays (**iz** sound after "ay")
- fix - fixes (**iz** sound after "x")

Sentence Examples(Record your voice):

- The dog **walks** every morning. (**s** sound)
- She **loves** to dance. (**z** sound)
- He always **watches** the news. (**iz** sound)

Minimal Pairs Practice:

Listen and Discriminate: These word pairs sound similar but have different meanings and pronunciations. Identify the sentence using the present simple tense.

1. She **takes** the keys. (**s** sound)
2. She **talks** to her friend. (**s** sound)
3. He **likes** to cook. (**s** sound)
4. He **lies** on the couch. (**z** sound)

Regular Verbs

Unvoiced Consonant Ending (**s** sound):

- kiss - kisses (**s** sound after "s")
- laugh - laughs (**s** sound after "f")
- miss - misses (**s** sound after "s")
- teach - teaches (**s** sound after "ch")

Sentence Examples:

- My mom always **kisses** me goodbye. (**s** sound)
- He often **laughs** at my jokes. (**s** sound)
- Do you ever **miss** your hometown? (**s** sound)
- The teacher **teaches** us many interesting things. (**s** sound)

The Sounds of Now: Present Simple Tense Pronunciation (Expanded)

This guide dives deeper into the pronunciation of verbs in the present simple tense!

Voiced Consonant Ending (z sound):

- rub - rubs (z sound after "b")
- beg - begs (z sound after "g")
- drip - drips (z sound after "p")

Sentence Examples:

- She **rub**s lotion on her hands every day. (z sound)
- The child **beg**s for ice cream. (z sound)
- Rainwater **drip**s from the roof. (z sound)

Vowel Ending (iz sound):

- write - writes (iz sound after "t")
- make - makes (iz sound after "k")
- close - closes (iz sound after "z")

Sentence Examples:

- I usually **writ**e in a journal before bed. (iz sound)
- She **mak**es delicious cookies. (iz sound)
- He always **clos**es the door behind him. (iz sound)