

Present simple: affirmative and negative

- 1 **I KNOW!** In groups, study the words below. How many more pets can you think of in two minutes? Have you got a family pet?

budgie guinea pig hamster pony tortoise

- 2 **3.5** Read Lowri's post. Who is perfect in her family?

Bad habits by Lowri, 14

Post  

'You don't help at home!' 'You spend all your time with your friends – we never see you!' 'This is a house, not a hotel!' My parents often say these things to my sister Cara and me.

But they don't say anything about George's bad habits! George sleeps all day – he doesn't do anything! When my parents come home in the evening, George wakes up, washes and gets something to eat. After that he goes out and doesn't come back all night!

In the morning when I leave for school, George walks back into the house and falls asleep. But my parents never say to George, 'This is a house, not a hotel!' In fact, Mum says he's the perfect cat!

- 3 Study the Grammar box. Find more examples of the Present Simple in the text in Exercise 2.

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I eat a lot.
He goes to bed late.

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We don't listen.
She doesn't help us.

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- 4 **3.6** Study the Watch out! box. Listen and repeat.

WATCH OUT!

play → plays wash → washes cry → cries

- 5 **3.7** Write the third person form of the verbs below in the correct column. Listen, check and repeat.

finish go help kiss make miss stay
study tidy worry

/s/	/z/	/ɪz/
helps	plays	washes

- 6 Choose the correct option.

- I really love / loves my family, but I don't like / likes their bad habits!
- In the evening Dad fall / falls asleep in his chair. He never go / goes to bed.
- My baby brother cry / cries at night. Sometimes we don't / doesn't sleep at all!
- Our grandparents often phone / phones us when there's something good on TV.
- My big sister often take / takes my laptop and she doesn't give / gives it back!

- 7 Complete the texts with the Present Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

My cat Petra sometimes ¹tries (try) to sleep on me and I ²_____ (wake up). After that I ³_____ (not sleep) all night. She ⁴_____ (not want) to sleep on my bed at weekends. She only ⁵_____ (do) it on the night before an exam!

We ⁶_____ (have) a problem with our hamsters, Ben and Gerry. During the day, they're quiet and they ⁷_____ (not come) out. But at night they ⁸_____ (have) a big party!

VIDEO



WIDER WORLD

- 8 **12** Watch eight people talking about bad habits. How many people mention pets?
- 9 In pairs, take it in turns to tell your partner about any bad habits your pets/people in your family have. Use Exercises 6 and 7 to help you.

A: Our dog eats my mum's shoes!

B: My dad talks a lot!