

Simple Present

Spelling rules for the 3rd person singular (He/She/It)

In general +s	Verbs ending in consonant + y y - ies	Verbs ending in o, sh, ch, x, ss +es
work – works	stud <u>y</u> – studi <u>es</u>	go – go <u>es</u>
eat – eat <u>s</u>	carri <u>y</u> – carri <u>es</u>	wash – wash <u>es</u>
play – play <u>s</u>	tr <u>y</u> – tri <u>es</u>	watch – watch <u>es</u>
use – use <u>s</u>	cop <u>y</u> – copi <u>es</u>	mix – mix <u>es</u>
write – writ <u>e</u> s	fl <u>y</u> – fl <u>ies</u>	kiss – kiss <u>es</u>

Practice

Complete the sentences with a verb from the box in the correct form.

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- 1 He speaks four languages.
- 2 Bernadette _____ in a flat in Paris.
- 3 She's a pilot. She _____ all over the world.
- 4 Peter _____ two children.
- 5 In winter Alice _____ skiing and in summer she _____ tennis.
- 6 My daughter _____ Japanese at university.
- 7 John _____ work at six o'clock every day.