

Missing verbs

Write the missing verbs in the sentences below in the Present Simple. Before you start, read the notes. Choose from the following:

copy hear count help ~~en~~ leave draw look at
lose understand speak have try kill finish



Notes

In the present simple, the third singular in affirmative always ends in **-s**.

There are spelling rules.

Verbs ending in **-y** change to **-ies**: cry/**cries**

Verbs ending in **-o**, **-ss**, **-ch**, **-x** change to **-es**: go / goes, kiss / kisses, wash/**washes**, watch/**watches**, mix/**mixes**.

The verb *have* is irregular. The third person is **has**.

- 1 My mother always **cries** when she cuts up onions.
- 2 She never _____ the phone because she always has her personal stereo on.
- 3 What time does the next bus _____, please?
- 4 Laura is very clever, isn't she? She _____ six languages.
- 5 I always _____ the pictures in magazines before I read the stories.
- 6 In this game, one person _____ to a hundred and everyone else hides.
- 7 My girlfriend starts work at nine o'clock and _____ at five.
- 8 Emma always _____ my answers in Maths tests.
- 9 He's very good on the computer. He always _____ me if I have problems.
- 10 I think Josh is going to be an artist. He really _____ well.
- 11 Our basketball team isn't very good. We nearly all our matches.
- 12 I don't speak German very well but I _____ quite a lot.
- 13 Our cat _____ a lot of birds in our garden.
- 14 My brother always _____ a bowl of cereal and two fried eggs for breakfast.
- 15 Sam _____ hard but he is not good at football.