

# Present Simple (1)

## Form



### Afirmative

I walk  
You walk  
He walks  
She walks  
It walks  
We walk  
You walk  
They walk

### Negative

I **don't** walk  
You **don't** walk  
He **doesn't** walk  
She **doesn't** walk  
It **doesn't** walk  
We **don't** walk  
You **don't** walk  
They **don't** walk

### Interrogative

**Do** I walk?  
**Do** you walk?  
**Does** he walk?  
**Does** she walk?  
**Does** it walk?  
**Do** we walk?  
**Do** you walk?  
**Do** they walk?

### Short answers

#### Affirmative

Yes, I / you / we / they **do**  
Yes, he / she / it **does**

#### Negative

No, I / you / we / they **don't**  
No, he / she / it **doesn't**

### Third person singular

We add **-s** to the verb to form the third person singular (**he, she, it**).

I drink - he drinks

I run - he runs

#### **BUT**

- We add **-es** to verbs that end in **-ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o**.

I watch - he watches

- With verbs ending in **consonant + y**, we change the **-y** to **-ies**.

I cry - he cries

**But** with verbs ending in **vowel + y**, we just add **-s** as usual.

I play - he plays

## Use

We use the Present Simple:

- for **habits** and actions that we do regularly:  
He **visits** his friends every Sunday.  
She **goes** to school by bus.
- for **general truths**:  
The sun **rises** in the East.
- for **permanent situations**:  
He **lives** in Athens.



### Expressions used with the Present Simple

**Frequency adverbs:** always, usually, often, sometimes, rarely, never  
(they are placed before the main verb)

**Time expressions:** every day / week / Friday...  
on Mondays / Sundays...  
at the weekend...  
in the morning / afternoon...  
in winter / spring...  
once a day / week...



A. Write the third person singular of the following verbs.

play	_____	go	_____
wash	_____	teach	_____
drive	_____	carry	_____
fly	_____	start	_____
help	_____	kiss	_____
watch	_____	tidy	_____
like	_____	enjoy	_____
cry	_____	mix	_____



B. Complete the sentences with the Present Simple of the verbs in brackets.

1. Peter and his friends \_\_\_\_\_ to school by bus. (go)
2. Elephants \_\_\_\_\_ leaves and grass. (eat)
3. David's father \_\_\_\_\_ in a hospital. (work)
4. The bank opens at 9.30 and \_\_\_\_\_ at 4.30. (close)
5. Tom and Jim \_\_\_\_\_ football every day after school. (play)
6. Mr Jones is a teacher. He \_\_\_\_\_ History. (teach)
7. Our lessons \_\_\_\_\_ at 9.00 and \_\_\_\_\_ at 3.30. (start / finish)
8. My pen friend \_\_\_\_\_ in Japan. (live)
9. Mary and her brother \_\_\_\_\_ cartoons every Sunday morning. (watch)
10. John \_\_\_\_\_ his room every day. (tidy)

C. Complete the blanks with the Present Simple of the verbs in the box.

go   ~~work~~   ride   deliver   love   jog   rest   fish   walk

Mr Letty is a postman. He doesn't work in the post office. He always *works* outside in the streets.

He \_\_\_\_\_ letters to all the people in the neighbourhood every day. He doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ but he \_\_\_\_\_ his motorbike.

At the weekend, Mr Letty doesn't work.

He \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_ the countryside, so he always \_\_\_\_\_ to his country house with his wife. Mr and Mrs Letty \_\_\_\_\_ in the river and they \_\_\_\_\_ in the woods every weekend.



D. Look at the pictures and write questions and answers, as in the example.

1. play / the guitar / in the afternoon

*Does he play the guitar in the afternoon?*

*No he doesn't play the guitar in the afternoon.*

*He plays the accordion.*



2. walk / after lunch

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



3. ride / their / bicycles / to work / every day

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





4. listen / to the radio / every Sunday

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5. clean / the house / on Mondays

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6. watch / TV / after school

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E. Complete the blanks with the **negative** or the **interrogative** form of the Present Simple of the verbs in brackets.

**Mark:** Hi, Tess! What are you doing?

**Tess:** I'm watching the football team.

**Mark:** *Do* you *watch* (watch) them every day?

**Tess:** No, I don't. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not play) every day. They play four times a week.

**Mark:** \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a favourite player?

**Tess:** No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) a favourite player. Everyone on the team is good.

**Mark:** \_\_\_\_\_ the attacker \_\_\_\_\_ (move) fast?

**Tess:** No, he \_\_\_\_\_ (not move) fast, but he's very clever. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (like) football, Mark?

**Mark:** No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) it. I like basketball. It's a great sport.

