

Present Simple Tense



Affirmative

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.

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.

Spanish	English	third person singular	Spanish	English	third person singular
	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.

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