

Spelling Rules for Simple Present Tense Verbs

Spelling	Rules	Examples
Add -s	Most verbs	works buys
Add -es	Verbs ending in ch, o, s, ss, sh, x, z	watches misses
Change -y to -i and add -es	Verbs ending in a consonant + y	hurries studies
Some words are irregular		do – does have - has

Complete the chart.

I / you / we / they	He / she / it	I / you / we / they	He / she / it
like	likes	stay	
study		miss	
work		listen	
wash		walk	
go		stop	
start		take	
want		worry	

Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in parenthesis.

1. She _____ (like) to go swimming in the summer.
2. Martin _____ (wash) his car every weekend.
3. Janet _____ (watch) TV every night.
4. My sister _____ (study) English at the college.
5. He _____ (try) to speak English correctly, but it is difficult for him.
6. She _____ (worry) about her mother.
7. The doctor _____ (work) long hours.