

# Verbs

## THE PRESENT TENSE

### 28 Present Simple

#### FORM

##### Positive

##### Question

##### Negative

I You We They	work.	Do	I you we they	work?	I YOU We They	do not (don't)	work.
He She It	works.	Does	he she it	work?	He She it	does not (doesn't)	work.

- There is only one form of *you* in English, which is the same in singular and plural.
- Note the endings with *he*, *she*, and *it*. If the verb ends in *ss*, *sh*, *ch*, or *x*, add *es*:  
*He finishes* (*finish* ends in *sh*)  
*She watches* (*watch* ends in *ch*)

#### USE

- For something which is permanently true:  
*I come from France.*  
*He doesn't speak Spanish.*  
*We live in London.*
- For repeated actions or habits:  
*I get up at six o'clock every day.*  
*What time do you leave work?*  
*I don't see them very often.*

### Practice

Rewrite each sentence as a positive or negative sentence, or a question, according to the instructions.

- 1 I visit my parents very often, (negative)  
*I don't visit my parents very often.*
- 2 Does he go to school every day? (positive)  
*He goes to school every day.*
- 3 She comes from Germany, (question)  
*Does she come from Germany?*

- 4 She goes to work by car. (question)
- 5 We watch television every night, (negative)
- 6 He doesn't walk to work every day. (positive)
- 7 She plays football every Saturday, (question)
- 8 He washes his car every week, (question)
- 9 They live in Australia, (question)
- 10 They go to school by bus. (question)
- 11 Does she finish work at five o'clock? (positive)
- 12 He goes to the cinema on Fridays, (question)
- 13 I come from Africa, (negative)
- 14 Does he live in this street? (positive)
- 15 He works in a restaurant, (question)
- 16 She gets up at five o'clock, (question)
- 17 They eat a lot. (negative)
- 18 Does he work here? (positive)