



Adding -es to Verbs

A **verb** can tell about an action that is happening now. Add -es to this kind of verb if it ends with -s, -x, -z, -ch, or -sh and if it tells about a noun that names one.

A coyote passes through the woods.

Coyotes pass through the woods.

► Circle the correct present-tense verb in each sentence.

1. A forest ranger (fix, fixes) the broken bridge.
2. Hikers (watch, watches) birds and other animals.
3. A fox (rush, rushes) to its den.
4. Mushrooms (push, pushes) out of the ground.
5. The bear (relax, relaxes) in the sun.
6. A raccoon (wash, washes) its food.
7. Baby bunnies (toss, tosses) and turn in their nest.
8. The bird (reach, reaches) for a twig.
9. An eagle (clutch, clutches) its prey.
10. Snakes (hiss, hisses) at a predator.