

# Present Simple (1)

## Form



### 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.

### 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.*

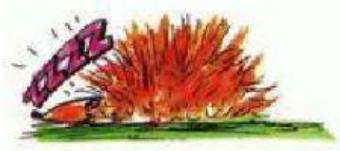


2. walk / after lunch

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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.

