

3.2 Simple Present Spelling Rules: -s and -es Endings

1. Add -s to most verbs.

close-closes	love-loves	stop-stops
dance-dances	open-opens	take-takes
exercise-exercises	play-plays	write-writes
feed-feeds	put-puts	work-works

2. Add -es to verbs ending in -sh, -ch, -s, -x and -z.

wash-washes	dress-dresses	buzz-buzzes
teach-teaches	relax-relaxes	

3. Change -y to -i and add -es to verbs ending in a consonant + y.

carry-carries	copy-copies	study-studies
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7 Write each verb with the correct -s, -es, or -ies ending.

1. study studies8. help helps2. fish fishes9. miss misses3. pass passes10. fly flies4. worry worries11. fix fixes5. explore explores12. watch watches6. bite bites13. like likes7. buy buys14. pay pays

3.3 Irregular Verbs: Do, Go, and Have

Subject	Verb		Subject	Verb	
I	do	the dishes every day.	He	does	the dishes every day.
You			She	goes	to work at 7:00 a.m.
We	go	to work at 7:00 a.m.	It	has	dinner at 6:00 a.m.
You					
They	have	dinner at 6:00 a.m.			

The verbs *do*, *go*, and *have* are irregular for *he*, *she*, *it*, and singular subjects.

She **goes** home at six-thirty.
He **has** a meeting at two-thirty.
John **does** the laundry on Sunday night.

8 Complete the paragraphs with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

Manuel and Lila Vega

Manuel and Lila Vega (1) have (have) a busy lifestyle. Manuel is a doctor at a hospital. He works at night, so he (2) _____ (go) to work at 7:00 p.m. and comes home at 7:00 a.m. His wife Lila works at a bank. She (3) _____ (go) to work at 8:00 a.m. and comes home at 6:00 p.m. They don't see each other a lot during the week.

Manuel and Lila also (4) _____ (have) two children, Luis and Carla. Every morning they all (5) _____ (have) breakfast together at 7:30. Then, Luis and Carla (6) _____ (go) to school, and Lila (7) _____ (go) to work. Manuel (8) _____ (do) the dishes, and then (9) _____ (go) to bed. Carla usually (10) _____ (do) her homework at a friend's house in the afternoon, and Luis (11) _____ (have) soccer practice. Manuel gets up at 4:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., he (12) _____ (have) dinner with Lila, Luis, and Carla. After dinner, he (13) _____ (go) to work. Manuel and Lila (14) _____ (have) a busy schedule during the week, but on weekends they relax.

PRACTICE

9 Complete the paragraph with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses. Then listen and check your answers.

Bush Pilots

Bush pilots (1) have (have) interesting jobs. They (2) _____ (fly) special planes to Alaska's bush country. (This is a wild area, far away from cities with airports.) Bush pilots (3) _____ (carry) people or supplies in their bush planes. They also (4) _____ (help) rescue people.

Paul Claus is a famous bush pilot. He (5) _____ (have) a lot of experience, and he is an excellent pilot. Paul also (6) _____ (own) a hotel in Alaska. He (7) _____ (fly) customers to his hotel and (8) _____ (take) them on adventures. He (9) _____ (go) to interesting places with them. It's an exciting job!



▲ Bush planes on a glacier in Denali National Park, Alaska, USA