

SIMPLE PRESENT

3rd PERSON SINGULAR

Third person -s forms & Spelling of present tense verbs

Notice that verbs in the present tense take an ending with he, she, and it. The spelling of this ending may be **-s** or **-es**.

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| I help | we help |
| you help | you help |
| he helps she helps it helps | they help |

1. Almost all verbs add **-s** in the third person singular. Write the forms below with the correct spelling.

He works. (work, know, count, make, use)

She cuts. (cut, help, cook, dance)

2. A few verbs add **-es** in the third person singular. They are verbs that end in s, z, sh, ch, or x. Write the forms below with the correct spelling.

He fixes. (fix, finish, relax, rush)

She watches. (watch, toss, wash, teach)

3. If a verb ends in a consonant and -y, change the **y to i** before adding **-es**. If the verb ends in a vowel and -y, simply add **s**; Write the forms below with the correct spelling.

He tries. (try, fry, study, hurry, carry, marry)

She says. (say, enjoy, play, stay, buy, pay)

4. The verb have is irregular. The third person singular form is **has**. He has a cookbook.



1. Rabbits _____ carrots.

a) liking b) like c) likes

2. Randy _____ the ball.

a) throws b) throw c) throwing

3. The dog _____ its bone.

a) chew b) chewing c) chews

4. Sandy _____ something everyday.

- a) lose b) losing c) loses

5. My dog, Snoopy, _____ on my bed every night.

- a) sleep b) sleeps c) sleeping

6. Leonard always _____ the ball with all his strength.

- a) hits b) hit c) hitting

7. The baby rarely _____ at night.

- a) cry b) cries c) crying

8. The owl _____ all day

- a) sleep b) sleeps c) sleeping



Rewrite the sentences below, adding the correct form of the verb. Remember that he, she, and it take **-s** forms.

1. Most women **cook** the dinners at home. (cook) *(example)*

2. My mother **cooks** most of the time. (cook) *(example)*

3. She _____ dinner on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. (make)

4. My father _____ Italian food on the weekends. (fix)

5. My brother and I _____ the dishes. (wash)

6. We _____ the salad, too. (help with)

7. I _____ to cook already. (know how)

8. Cooking _____ my father. (relax)

9. Important people _____ and _____ all day. (rush, hurry)

10. Often they _____ a hobby after work. (enjoy)