

# 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**.

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)