



34 I live here.

I **live** here. She often **phones** me. They **play** football every day.

- We use the present simple:
 - to talk about something that is always or usually true:
*I **live** here. Children **ask** a lot of questions.*
 - to talk about things that happen regularly:
*She often **phones** me. They **play** football every day.*
- We often use adverbs of frequency (e.g. *always, usually, often, sometimes, never*) and other time expressions (e.g. *every day, in the morning*) with the present simple. The adverbs come before the verb. *Every day, in the morning*, etc. come at the beginning or end of the sentence:
*She **often** phones me. They play football **every day**.*
- In affirmative sentences, we add -s or -es in the third person singular (*he, she, it*):
*I live → he **lives** we watch → she **watches** they fly → it **flies***

Affirmative I/you/we/they **live** he/she/it **lives**

- ▶▶ See Appendix 4: *Spelling rules for present simple verbs (he/she/it)*, page 169.
- ▶▶ For adverbs of frequency, see Unit 31.

PRACTICE

34a Complete the table.

I/you/we/they	he/she/it	I/you/we/they	he/she/it
finish	<i>finishes</i>	stay	
teach		study	
try		give	
like		say	
wash		mix	
worry		wear	
go		touch	
miss		listen	
start		cry	
carry		live	
lie		want	

34b Circle the correct answer.

We're English but we (0) live / lives in France. I (1) *go* / goes to university and my brother (2) *go* / goes to school here. I (3) *like* / likes France, but I (4) *miss* / misses my friends in England. They (5) *write* / writes to me, and sometimes they (6) *visit* / visits. My friend Emily always (7) *come* / comes here in the summer. We always (8) *have* / has a great time together.

34c Complete the extract from a magazine article. Use the present simple of the verbs in brackets.

In Britain, when couples get married, they usually (0) *invite* (invite) their family and friends to the wedding. The bride's father (1) (bring) the bride to the ceremony. She usually (2) (wear) a white dress. The 'best man' (3) (help) the groom before and at the wedding. Usually, he is a very good friend of the groom.

After the ceremony, there is a special meal and a party. At the end of the meal, the bride and groom (4) (cut) their wedding cake together and all the guests (5) (get) a piece. After the party, the bride and groom (6) (go) on their honeymoon.

34d Put the words in the correct order.

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| 0 | Kate / gets up / usually / early | <i>Kate usually gets up early.</i> |
| 1 | often / clothes / my friends / buy | |
| 2 | never / forget / I / my friends' birthdays | |
| 3 | every morning / coffee / Clare / drinks | |
| 4 | they / have lunch / at 12.00 / always | |
| 5 | we / to the cinema / every week / go | |

34e How often do you do these things? Write sentences that are true for you. Use the present simple.

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| 0 | (get up early) | <i>I always/usually/often/never get up early.</i> |
| 1 | (buy clothes) | |
| 2 | (forget friends' birthdays) | |
| 3 | (drink coffee) | |
| 4 | (have lunch at 12.00) | |
| 5 | (go to the cinema) | |