

# Present Simple

## Positive, Negative, Interrogative



### FORM

#### POSITIVE:

I, you, we, they: bare infinitive  
 he, she, it: bare infinitive + -s  
 E.g.:  
 I drink milk every day.  
 He dinks milk every day.

#### NEGATIVE:

I, you, we, they: **don't** + bare infinitive  
 he, she, it: **doesn't** + bare infinitive.  
 E.g.:  
 I don't drink milk every day.  
 He doesn't drink milk every day.

#### INTERROGATIVE:

Do + I/ you/we/ they + bare infinitive  
 Does + he/she/it + bare infinitive  
 E.g.:  
 Do I drink milk every day?  
 Does he drink milk every day?

### 3<sup>rd</sup> PERSON SINGULAR SPELLING RULES:

General rule: add -s

walk - she walks  
 talk - she talks  
 answer - answers

Verbs ending in *s, ss, ch, sh, x*: add -es  
 miss - she misses  
 watch - she watches  
 wash - washes  
 fix - she fixes

Verbs ending in *o*:  
 add -es

go - she goes  
 do - she does

Verbs ending in  
 consonant + *y*:  
 change the *y* into *i*  
 and add -es  
 study - she studies  
 tidy - she tidies

Verbs ending in  
 vowel + *y*: add -s

play - she plays  
 enjoy - she enjoys  
 stay - she stays

Write the third person singular in the present simple of the following verbs in the right place.

A

forget	fly	brush	open	say	pray
pay	understand	throw	echo	cook	hurry
touch	study	finish	apply	catch	like
go	want	try	stay	enjoy	wish
play	supply	do	obey	relax	undo

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Verb + -s

Verb + -es

Vowel + y + -s

Consonant + y + -es

o + -es

B

Fill in the blanks with the present simple of the verbs in brackets.

- Janet \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a film on TV.
- The girl \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) her homework.
- My father \_\_\_\_\_ (fix) the TV.
- The children \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) the museum every school year.
- Helen \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) her hair every two days.
- My friend \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to cheer me up.
- My mother \_\_\_\_\_ (guide) me.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ (offer) me a CD every Christmas.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for you whatever happens.
- My mother always \_\_\_\_\_ (divide) the cake in six.
- My family \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) a trip to the UK every year.
- Mr. Harris is the one who usually \_\_\_\_\_ (carry) the heavy boxes to the attic.
- I normally \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to John on the phone.
- Karen and Sara \_\_\_\_\_ (play) the guitar.
- The students \_\_\_\_\_ (describe) their homes easily.
- Tom \_\_\_\_\_ (collect) stamps.
- The young boy \_\_\_\_\_ (cry) for help.
- Susan \_\_\_\_\_ (wrap) the present.
- Katy \_\_\_\_\_ (admire) her grandmother.
- Babies \_\_\_\_\_ (like) to clap their hands.



**C** Fill in the gaps with the Present Simple (negative) of the verbs in brackets.

1. David \_\_\_\_\_ (not / watch) films in the cinema.
2. Carol \_\_\_\_\_ (not / like) to go to parties.
3. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (not / go) to restaurants.
4. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ (not / close) the door when he enters.
5. Nicole \_\_\_\_\_ (not / obey) any rule.
6. Jewels \_\_\_\_\_ (not / disappear) just like that!
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / like) to wait too much long.
8. Mrs. Underwood \_\_\_\_\_ (not / understand) me.
9. The students \_\_\_\_\_ (not / identify) the subject in the sentence.
10. The naughty boys \_\_\_\_\_ (not / apologise) for their bad behaviour as a rule.
11. Caroline \_\_\_\_\_ (not / like) to be disturbed.
12. Thieves \_\_\_\_\_ (not / admit) that they steal.



**D** Now use the interrogative form of the present simple.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (the girl / blush) when her boyfriend kisses her?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Caroline / like) to be disturbed?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (you / explain) clearly?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (Mum / cook) dinner every day?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (the pupil / ask) for help?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ (girls / enjoy) going to parties?
7. \_\_\_\_\_ (you / visit) the museum regularly?
8. \_\_\_\_\_ (Charles / arrive) early as a rule?
9. \_\_\_\_\_ (secretaries / make) hotel reservations?
10. \_\_\_\_\_ (Mrs. Clark / water) the plants?
11. \_\_\_\_\_ (the cat / scratch) the front door?
12. \_\_\_\_\_ (your sister / cook) well?



**E** Rewrite the sentences both in the negative and interrogative forms.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I walk to school.<br/>NEG. _____<br/>INT. _____</li> <li>2. That driver never stops at the traffic lights.<br/>NEG. _____<br/>INT. _____</li> <li>3. The boys play football quite well.<br/>NEG. _____<br/>INT. _____</li> <li>4. This kite flies real high.<br/>NEG. _____<br/>INT. _____</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. I talk to Andrew every single day.<br/>NEG. _____<br/>INT. _____</li> <li>6. Michael works in a big company.<br/>NEG. _____<br/>INT. _____</li> <li>7. My Mum mixes all the ingredients.<br/>NEG. _____<br/>INT. _____</li> <li>8. My brother Alfred studies Spanish at school.<br/>NEG. _____<br/>INT. _____</li> </ol> |
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