



Simple Present

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Remember!



Positive & Negative

- The **present simple** tells about facts or habits. When the subject is the third-person singular, we add **-s** or **-es** to the verb. **Do not** or **does not** comes before the base form of the verb in negative sentences.

	Positive	Negative
I/You/We/They	I read the newspaper.	I don't read the newspaper.
He/She/It	She reads the newspaper.	She doesn't read the newspaper.



Fact The sun **rises** in the east.



Habit We **drink** milk every day.

- Spelling rules for the third-person singular

Verb Type	Base Form			Third-person Singular			Rule
most verbs	use	find	tell	uses	finds	tells	+ -s
verbs ending in -ch, -sh, -s, -x	catch	match	push	catches	matches	pushes	+ -es
	miss	pass	mix	misses	passes	mixes	
verbs ending in a consonant + -y	carry	try	reply	carries	tries	replies	-y → -ies
verbs ending in a vowel + -y	say	play	enjoy	says	plays	enjoys	+ -s
exceptions	have	do	go	has	does	goes	-

Choose the correct words.

- John **get** / **gets** up early every morning.
- Bees **fly** / **flies** around the flowers in the garden.
- Sarah **has** / **have** a party on her birthday every year.
- My younger sister **go** / **goes** to kindergarten.
- Some twins **look** / **looks** different.
- Spring **comes** / **come** after winter.

Turn the sentences into the positive or negative form.

POSITIVE

NEGATIVE

• Mike goes to school by bus.	Mike doesn't go to school by bus.
My parents play tennis together.	•
•	She doesn't listen to the radio.
Ryan reads comic books at night.	•
•	The children don't swim in the sea.
Harry has lunch at school.	•