

Simple Present: Affirmative Statements

| Subject | Verb | | Subject | Verb | |
|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| I | | | He | | |
| You | work | every day. | She | works | every day. |
| We | | | It | | |
| You | | | My brother | | |
| They | | | | | |
| Tom and Sue | | | | | |

1. Use the simple present to talk about habits or routines, schedules, and facts.

Habit or Routine: I **exercise** every day.
 Schedule: She **starts** work at eight.
 Fact: It **rains** a lot in April.

2. Add -s to the verb for *he, she, it,* and singular subjects.

He **drives** to work.
 She **works** in an office.
 The bank **opens** at 9:00 a.m.

3. Do not put *be* in front of another verb in the simple present.

✓ He works at a bank.
 ✗ He is work at a bank.

Choose the correct option and write it in the space provided.

1. Doctor Moffett love / loves his job.
2. He study / studies ants.
3. A salesperson sell / sells products for a company.
4. You and Anita work / works on weekends.
5. Nurses help / helps people.
6. We write / writes science books.
7. Our office close / closes at 7:00 p.m.
8. She take / takes classes at the business school.
9. You walk / walks to work every day.
10. I start / starts work at 8:00 a.m. every morning.

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. A zookeeper feeds (feed) animals.
2. Computer programmers _____ (write) software.
3. Photographers _____ (take) photos.
4. A chef _____ (cook) food.
5. A firefighter _____ (fight) fires.
6. Musicians _____ (play) instruments.
7. A farmer _____ (work) on a farm.
8. A dancer _____ (dance).

Check your understanding: gap fill

Do this exercise while you listen. Complete the gaps with a word from the box.

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| pilot | dentist | shop assistant |
| tour guide | | nurse |

1. Speaker A works as a _____.
2. Speaker B works as a _____.
3. Speaker C works as a _____.
4. Speaker D works as a _____.
5. Speaker E works as a _____.

Simple Present Spelling Rules: -s and -es Endings

1. Add -s to most verbs.

close-closes

love-**loves**

stop-stops

dance-dances

open-**opens**

take-takes

exercise-exercises

play-**plays**

write-writes

feed-**feeds**

put-**puts**

work-works

2. Add -es to verbs ending in -sh, -ch, -s, -x, and -z.

wash-washes

dress-dresses

buzz-buzzes

teach-teaches

relax-relaxes

3. Change -y to -i and add -es to verbs ending in a consonant + y.

carry-carries

copy-copies

study-studies

Write each verb with the correct -s, -es, or -ies ending.

1. study studies

8. help _____

2. fish _____

9. miss _____

3. pass _____

10. fly _____

4. worry _____

11. fix _____

5. explore _____

12. watch _____

6. bite _____

13. like _____

7. buy _____

14. pay _____

Irregular Verbs: Do, Go, and Have

| Subject | Verb | | Subject | Verb | |
|---------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| I | do | the dishes every day. | He She It | does | the dishes every day. |
| You | go | to work at 7:00 a.m. | | goes | to work at 7:00 a.m. |
| We | | dinner at 6:00 a.m. | | has | dinner at 6:00 a.m. |
| You | have | | | | |
| They | | | | | |

The verbs *do*, *go*, and *have* are irregular for *he*, *she*, *it*, and singular subjects.

She **goes** home at six-thirty.
He **has** a meeting at two-thirty.
John **does** the laundry on Sunday night.

Complete the paragraphs with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

Manuel and Lila Vega

Manuel and Lila Vega (1) have (have) a busy lifestyle. Manuel is a doctor at a hospital. He works at night, so he (2) _____ (go) to work at 7:00 p.m. and comes home at 7:00 a.m. His wife Lila works at a bank. She (3) _____ (go) to work at 8:00 a.m. and comes home at 6:00 p.m. They don't see each other a lot during the week.

Manuel and Lila also (4) _____ (have) two children, Luis and Carla. Every morning they all (5) _____ (have) breakfast together at 7:30. Then, Luis and Carla (6) _____ (go) to school, and Lila (7) _____ (go) to work. Manuel (8) _____ (do) the dishes, and then (9) _____ (go) to bed. Carla usually (10) _____ (do) her homework at a friend's house in the afternoon, and Luis (11) _____ (have) soccer practice. Manuel gets up at 4:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., he (12) _____ (have) dinner with Lila, Luis, and Carla. After dinner, he (13) _____ (go) to work. Manuel and Lila (14) _____ (have) a busy schedule during the week, but on weekends they relax.

