Spelling rules for 3rd Person s

Read the questions and answers below. Look at the **verbs**. **1st = first** **3rd = third**

1st person Question		What time do you usually **get up** on Saturday?
1st person answer		I usually **get up** at 6 o'clock on Saturday.
3rd person Question		What time do**es** Luis usually **get up** on Saturday?
3rd person answer		Luis usually **get**s **up** at 6 o'clock on Saturday.

In present simple, we add **s** the verb in the 3rd person.

Examples: I play – She play**s** / I read – He read**s** / I grow – It grow**s**

TASK – Type the 3rd person verbs

1st person	3rd person
I **eat** fish and chips every Friday.	Luis ☐ fish and chips every Friday.
I **read** The Metro on the tube.	She ☐ The Metro on the tube.
I **wear** smart clothes in church.	Joana ☐ smart clothes in church.
I **work** every day.	Enilda ☐ every day.
I always **cook** tasty food.	Nancy always ☐ tasty food.
I **love** dancing.	Yamel ☐ dancing.
I **speak** Somali and Dutch. I **read** and **write** very well.	Alideq ☐ Somali and Dutch. Geomar ☐ and ☐ very well.
I **play** football every weekend. I always **get** up early for work.	Wilson ☐ football every weekend. Daisy always ☐ up early for work.
I **visit** friends every week.	Salada ☐ friends every week.
I **hate** cooking and cleaning.	Tracy ☐ cooking and cleaning.

Adding s – spelling rules

Most verbs add **s** in the 3rd person – play/play**s** – work/work**s** – sleep/sleep**s** – love/love**s**

Some verbs have different rules.

Have is irregular: have – has haven't – hasn't

Change the verb

1st person	3rd person
I **have** a lot of enemies.	Trump ☐ a lot of enemies.
I **haven't** got any cash.	She ☐ got any cash.
Have I got any spelling mistakes?	☐ he got any spelling mistakes?
I **haven't** done my homework.	Maria ☐ done her homework.
I **have** five children.	Anna ☐ five children.

For verbs that end in sh – add **es** wa**sh** – wash**es** wi**sh** – wish**es**

Change the verb

1st person	3rd person
I **wash** a lot of dishes at work.	Joel ☐ a lot of dishes at work.
I **finish** work at 9pm.	Tracy ☐ work at 9pm.
I **wish** for good news.	Abdi ☐ for good news.
I **fish** on Clapham Common.	Zara ☐ on Clapham Common.
I **splash** a lot in the pool.	Amira ☐ a lot in the pool.
I **mash** potatoes.	The chef ☐ potatoes.
I **squash** mosquitos in summer.	She ☐ mosquitos in summer.
I **flush** the toilet.	The girl ☐ the toilet.

For verbs that end in ch – add **es** watch – watches catch – catches

Change the verb

1st person	3rd person
I often **watch** YouTube videos.	Ali often ____ YouTube videos.
I **teach** ESOL in Brixton.	Tracy ____ ESOL in Brixton.
I **catch** a cold every winter.	Zhor ____ a cold every winter.
I **match** words and pictures.	Jose ____ words and pictures.
I **scratch** an itch foot.	Lara ____ an itchy foot.
I **reach** the top floor.	Ellie ____ the top floor.
I **stretch** before running.	She ____ before running.
I **catch** the 333 bus at night.	The man ____ the 333 bus at night.

For verbs that end in o – add **es** do – does go – goes

Change the verb

1st person	3rd person
I never **go** on holiday.	Ali never ____ on holiday.
I **do** my best to understand.	Ping ____ her best to understand.
I **go** to the Mosque on Fridays.	Mo ____ to the Mosque on Fridays.
I **do** my laundry on Saturday.	Deka ____ her laundry on Saturday.
I **go** home very late from work.	Mila ____ home very late from work.
I **do** my homework on time.	Jo ____ her homework on time.

For verbs that end in a consonant y – change to **ies** cry – cries dry – dries try - tries

For verbs that end in a vowel y – add **s** buy – buys enjoy - enjoys

Change the verb

1st person	3rd person
I study ESOL in Brixton.	Yamel ____ ESOL in Brixton.
I hurry to work every morning.	Luis ____ to work every morning.
I worry about the future.	My mum ____ about the future.
I enjoy good food.	Ali ____ good food.
I carry the heavy shopping.	She ____ the heavy shopping.
I buy food in Aldi.	Akberet ____ food in Aldi.
I marry him in December. I cry when I watch the news.	He ____ him in December. She ____ when she watch**es** the news.
I dry the dishes with a towel. I try to speak English at work.	Anna ____ the dishes with a towel. Jon ____ to speak English at work.