

Subject Verb Agreement (Spelling Rules)

She plays.

He goes.

Ravi laughs.

Simran washes her hands.

Let's learn and understand the following spelling rules :

<i>To spell the verb (with -s or -es) with he/she/it</i>	
<i>With most verbs we just add -s.</i>	<i>drink -drinks ; read-reads; talk-talks</i>
<i>With verbs that end with -o, -ch, -sh, -ss, -x : we add -es</i>	<i>go -goes, teach - teaches, wash - washes, pass - passes, mix- mixes</i>
<i>With verbs that end in consonant +y, we drop the -y and add -ies</i>	<i>fly- flies , dry - dries, try - tries</i>
<i>With verbs that end in vowel +y, we just add -y</i>	<i>play - plays, enjoy - enjoys</i>
<i>The verb have changes to has</i>	<i>have - has</i>

Look at the verbs in the box. Add -s , -es, or -ies to them in the correct columns in the table given below:

*act brush do feel fix want go mix pass push
reach read relax touch study hurry speak pray try wash*

<i>+ -s</i>	<i>+ -es</i>	<i>+ ies</i>
<i>acts</i>	<i>brushes</i>	
	<i>does</i>	

Fill in the blanks with the correct word:

1. I _____ no money to buy ice cream. (have)
2. Ritu _____ her reading every day. (do)
3. Arjun always _____ to school (walk)
4. They _____ play football on Sunday. (play)
5. My dog _____ at my friends. (bark)
6. It _____ when a bee stings you. (hurt)
7. He _____ to his mother. (listen)
8. We must _____ our work quickly. (finish)
9. Ram _____ up early every morning. (wake)
10. The brothers _____ the dishes every day. (do)
11. They _____ at Modern Market (shop)
12. Danish _____ at dawn. (exercise)
13. I _____ to swim with my brother. (like) He also _____ to swim with me.
14. Alice _____ (go) to Goa every summer.
15. Everyone _____ to the beach in summer. (run)
16. He won't _____ to bed on time. (get)
17. I _____ (bake) a cake every year for my sister.
18. Robin _____ (tie) his shoelaces.
19. Geeta _____ (brush) her teeth twice a day.
20. Rita _____ (tease) her younger brother while he _____ (sleep).