

ENGLISH EXERCISES
PRESENT SIMPLE PRACTICE

A. READ the article about Doctor Bugs. Notice the words in bold.

Doctor Bugs

Most people don't like bugs, but Doctor Mark Moffet **loves** them! In fact, his nickname is Doctor Bugs. He's a photographer and an entomologist. An entomologist **studies** bugs.

Doctor Moffett's favorite bug is the ant. He **goes** all over the world to study ants. He **watches** them as they **eat**, **work**, **rest**, **sleep**, and **fight**.

He **takes** photographs of the ants. He **lies** on the ground with his camera and **waits** for the right moment. The ants and other bugs often **bite** him, but that doesn't stop Doctor Bugs. He **has** an interesting and unusual job, and he **loves** it!



▲ Doctor Mark Moffett

B. CHECK. Read the list of verbs in the chart. Who does each action? Check (✓) the correct column.

Verbs	Doctor Moffett	Ants
1. studies		
2. fight		
3. waits		
4. bite		

C. Look at the list of verbs in exercise. Then find other verbs in the article from exercise 1.

Doctor Moffett	Ants
<i>goes</i>	<i>eat</i>

LEARN

3.1 Simple Present: Affirmative Statements

Subject	Verb		Subject	Verb	
I			He		
You			She		
We	work	every day.	It	works	every day.
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.

D. Circle the correct form of the verb to complete each sentence.

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.

E. List three activities you do often. Share your sentences.

F.

YOU
EXAMPLE: <i>I study. I play games. I talk with my friends.</i>

G. 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).

3.2 Simple Present Spelling Rules: -s and -es Endings

1. Add -s to most verbs.	close-closes dance-dances exercise-exercises feed-feeds	love-loses open-opens play-plays put-puts	stop-stops take-takes write-writes work-works
2. Add -es to verbs ending in -sh, -ch, -s, -x, and -z.	wash-washes teach-teaches	dress-dresses relax-relaxes	buzz-buzzes
3. Change -y to -i and add -es to verbs ending in a consonant + y.	carry-carries	copy-copies	study-studies

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

1. study studies
2. fish _____
3. pass _____
4. worry _____
5. explore _____
6. bite _____
7. buy _____
8. help _____
9. miss _____
10. fly _____
11. fix _____
12. watch _____
13. like _____
14. pay _____

3.3 Irregular Verbs: Do, Go, and Have

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

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.

I. 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.

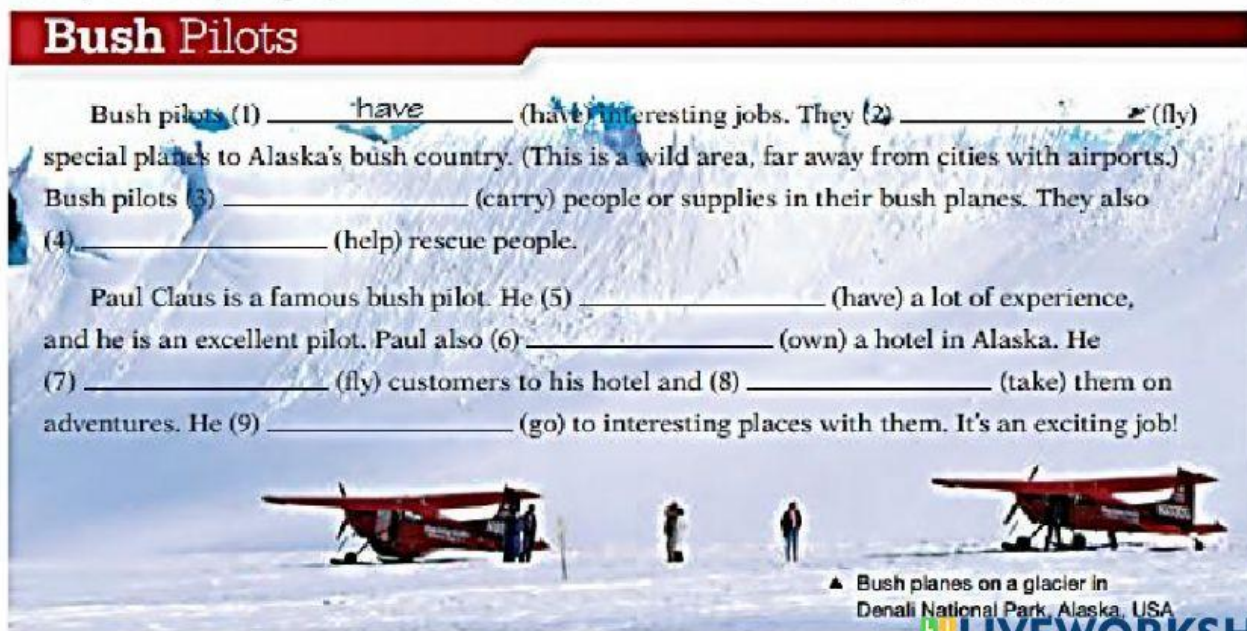
Manuel and Lila also (4) _____ (have) two children, Luis and Carla. Every morning they all (5) _____ (have) breakfast together at 7:30. Then, Luis and Carla (6) _____ (go) to school, and Lila (7) _____ (go) to work. Manuel (8) _____ (do) the dishes, and then (9) _____ (go) to bed. Carla usually (10) _____ (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.

J. Complete the paragraph with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

Bush Pilots

Bush pilots (1) have (have) interesting jobs. They (2) _____ (fly) special planes to Alaska's bush country. (This is a wild area, far away from cities with airports.) Bush pilots (3) _____ (carry) people or supplies in their bush planes. They also (4) _____ (help) rescue people.

Paul Claus is a famous bush pilot. He (5) _____ (have) a lot of experience, and he is an excellent pilot. Paul also (6) _____ (own) a hotel in Alaska. He (7) _____ (fly) customers to his hotel and (8) _____ (take) them on adventures. He (9) _____ (go) to interesting places with them. It's an exciting job!



▲ Bush planes on a glacier in Denali National Park, Alaska, USA

K. Complete the text about Tom. Use the present simple form of the verbs in brackets.

On Sunday I **get up (get up)** at 8.00. I have breakfast and play computer games with my little sister. She **1 _____ (love)** computer games. Then I meet my cousins. We **2 _____ (not meet)** at their house – we meet in the park. We play some sport and then we **3 _____ (go)** to my house and **4 _____ (have)** lunch. My dad cooks all week but he **5 _____ (not cook)** on Sunday. It's mum's turn! In the afternoon my cousins **6 _____ (go)** home and I do my homework.

L. Complete the text about YOU. Use the present simple form of the verbs.

On Sunday I _____

