

Simple Present

Spelling rules for the 3rd person singular (He/She/It)

In general +s	Verbs ending in consonant + y ↘ - ies	Verbs ending in o, sh, ch, x, ss +es
work – works	study – studies	go – goes
eat – eats	carry – carries	wash – washes
play – plays	try – tries	watch – watches
use – uses	copy – copies	mix – mixes
write – writes	fly – flies	kiss – kisses

Practice

Complete the sentences with a verb from the box in the correct form.

start have go study live fly play ~~speaks~~

- 1 He speaks four languages.
- 2 Bernadette _____ in a flat in Paris.
- 3 She's a pilot. She _____ all over the world.
- 4 Peter _____ two children.
- 5 In winter Alice _____ skiing and in summer she _____ tennis.
- 6 My daughter _____ Japanese at university.
- 7 John _____ work at six o'clock every day.