

PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE

+ Affirmative

SUBJECT	VERB
I / you / we / they	+ speak ...
he / she / it	+ speaks ...

- + Affirmative: I **speak** English.
+ Affirmative: He **speaks** Spanish.
+ Affirmative: They **live** in London.
+ Affirmative: She **lives** in Paris.

Third person verbs need the final "s" in affirmative sentences.

- Negative

SUBJECT	AUXILIARY	VERB
I / you / we / they	+ don't	+ speak ...
he / she / it	+ doesn't	+ need ...
		+ like ...

⊗ The base form of the infinitive = ~~to~~ go, ~~to~~ need, ~~to~~ speak, ~~to~~ live
Third person verbs lose the final "s" in negative sentences.

- + Affirmative: I speak Spanish.
- Negative: I **don't** speak Spanish.

- + Affirmative: She speaks Italian.
- Negative: She **doesn't** speak Italian.

? Question

AUXILIARY	SUBJECT	VERB
Do	I / you / we / they	+ speak ... ?
Does	he / she / it	+ need ... ?
		+ like ... ?

⊗ The base form of the infinitive = ~~to~~ go, ~~to~~ need, ~~to~~ speak, ~~to~~ live
Third person verbs lose the final "s" in questions.

- + Affirmative: You speak English.
? Question: **Do** you speak English?

- + Affirmative: He speaks German.
? Question: **Does** he speak German?