

PRESENT SIMPLE

We use the present simple to talk about routines (things we do every day, things that happen every day) and situations (things that are true now).

Positive	Negative
<i>I walk to school.</i>	<i>I don't walk to school.</i>
<i>You live in the city.</i>	<i>You don't live in the city.</i>
<i>He / She / It likes tea.</i>	<i>He / She / It doesn't like tea.</i>
<i>We play football.</i>	<i>We don't play football.</i>
<i>They have a dog.</i>	<i>They don't have a dog.</i>

Question	Short answers
<i>Do I walk to school?</i>	<i>Yes, I do.</i> <i>No, I don't.</i>
<i>Do you live in the city?</i>	<i>Yes, you do.</i> <i>No, you don't.</i>
<i>Does he / she / it like tea?</i>	<i>Yes, he / she / it does.</i> <i>No, he / she / it doesn't.</i>
<i>Do we play football?</i>	<i>Yes, we do.</i> <i>No, we don't.</i>
<i>Do they have a dog?</i>	<i>Yes, they do.</i> <i>No, they don't.</i>

For most verbs, we add -s for the third person (he / she / it) form.
play – *plays* *work* – *works* *like* – *likes*

We change the spelling of some verbs.

With verbs ending in a consonant + -y, we change -y to -ies.
study – *studies* *try* – *tries*

With verbs ending with -ch, -sh, -s, -ss and -x, we add -es.
watch – *watches* *finish* – *finishes*

Some verbs are irregular after *he / she / it*.
have – *has* *do* – *does* *go* – *goes*

Complete the present simple sentences and questions. Choose the correct verb in brackets.

1 They drink coffee. (drink / eat)

2 We eat fruit. (drink / eat)

1 I live in Seville. (like / live)

2 Do you live in the city? (like / live)

3 He has three sisters. (have / know)

4 Does he teach English? (work / teach)

5 How does Lara travel to work? (take / travel)

6 She travels the bus. (take / travel)

7 Does you know Arun? (have / know)

8 Alex works as a teacher in a school. (work / teach)