

**GRAMMAR** *The simple present tense: Review*

**Affirmative statements**

My in-laws **live** in Rio.  
My ex-wife **lives** in Tokyo.

**Negative statements**

My aunt and uncle **don't work** in an office.  
My cousin **doesn't work** at home.

**Contractions**  
don't = do not  
doesn't = does not

**Yes / no questions and short answers**

**Do** they **have** any children? Yes, they do. / No, they don't.  
**Does** she **have** any nieces or nephews? Yes, she does. / No, she doesn't.

**Spelling rules with he, she, and it**

Add **-s** to the base form of most verbs.  
works likes plays calls

Add **-es** to verbs that end in **-s, -sh, -ch, or -x**.  
washes watches relaxes

**Exceptions:**

do → does  
go → goes  
have → has  
study → studies

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• The simple present tense: usage and form



**Exercise 1: Complete the conversations. Use the simple tense.**

1. A: \_\_\_\_\_ your cousin \_\_\_\_\_ ( have) any children?  
B: Yes, she \_\_\_\_\_. She \_\_\_\_\_ two kids - a girl and a boy
2. A: \_\_\_\_\_ your in-laws \_\_\_\_\_ ( live) in Toronto?  
B: No, they \_\_\_\_\_. They \_\_\_\_\_ in Ottawa.
3. A: \_\_\_\_\_ your parents \_\_\_\_\_ ( work\_ in Quito?  
B: Yes, they \_\_\_\_\_. They \_\_\_\_\_ for the government.
4. A: \_\_\_\_\_ your fiancé \_\_\_\_\_ ( like) hip-hop?  
B: No, he \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_ it at all.
5. A: \_\_\_\_\_ her ex-husband \_\_\_\_\_ (see) their kids?  
B: Yes, he \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_ them a lot.
6. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ ( call) your nieces every day?  
B: No, I \_\_\_\_\_. They \_\_\_\_\_ me!

**Exercise 2: Write yes/no questions.**

1. A: \_\_\_\_\_ near you?

B: No, she doesn't. She lives in another city.

2. A: \_\_\_\_\_ drink coffee?

B: No, he doesn't. My brother drinks tea.

3. A: \_\_\_\_\_ children?

B: No. We don't have any yet.

4. A: \_\_\_\_\_ in Mexico?

B: No. My in-laws live in Chile.

5. A: \_\_\_\_\_ English?

B: Yes, she does. My niece speaks it well.

6. A: \_\_\_\_\_ work here?

B: Yes, they do. My cousins work downstairs.

7. A: \_\_\_\_\_ early?

B: No. The bookstore opens late