

## Grammar Lesson: Present Simple Tense

### 1. WHEN DO WE USE IT? (DAILY ROUTINES, FACTS AND HABITS)



She brushes her teeth everyday.



She reads a lot.



He gets up at 6 in the morning.

### 2. AFFIRMATIVE FORM (POSITIVE)

| SUBJECT       | VERB    | BEST OF SENTENCE |
|---------------|---------|------------------|
| I/We/You/They | study   | at university.   |
| He/She/It     | studies | biology.         |

**? Full memory  
trick**

Remember "s-e-s"  
for HE, SHE, IT!

Studies, eats, sings

#### Rules for He, She, It

- Add -s to most verbs.  
(e.g. jump -> jumps, walk -> walks)
- Add -es to verbs ending in o, ch, sh, ss, x  
(e.g. go -> goes, watch -> watches)
- Verbs ending in 'consonant + y', change y to i and add es.  
(e.g. study -> studies)

### 3. NEGATIVE FORM (USING DON'T & DOESN'T)

| SUBJECT       | DON'T/DOESN'T | VERB |
|---------------|---------------|------|
| I/You/We/They | don't         | play |
| He/She/It     | doesn't       | play |



He doesn't eat vegetables.

**NOTE:** In negative form, the "S" or "ES" goes into DOESN'T

The main verb gets its "FREE FORM" (e.g. He doesn't like cookies.)

### 4. QUESTION FORM (USING 'DO' & 'DOES')

| DO/DOES | SUBJECT     | VERB(BASE FORM) |
|---------|-------------|-----------------|
| Do      | you/we/they | play soccer?    |
| Does    | he/she/it   | watch TV?       |

e.g. Does she read ? -> Yes, she does./ No, she doesn't.  
Do they ride a bike ? -> Yes, they do./ No, they don't.

### 5. PRACTICE

#### Exercise: Fill in the blank

- Most university students \_\_\_\_\_ (study) at the campus library before final exams.
- The morning chemistry lecture \_\_\_\_\_ (not start) at 7:00 AM; it starts at 8:00 AM.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Do / Does) your professor give homework every week?
- My roommate usually \_\_\_\_\_ (wake) up early, but he \_\_\_\_\_ (not cook) breakfast in the dorm.
- Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you / buy) your textbooks every semester?