

PRESENT SIMPLE SUMMARY

THE PRESENT SIMPLE: AFFIRMATIVE

	SUBJECT	VERB INFINITIVE	
S I N G U L A R	I	READ	EVERY DAY. ONCE A WEEK.
	YOU	READ	
	HE / SHE / IT	READS	
P L U R A L	WE	READ	AT HOME.
	YOU	READ	
	THEY	READ	

RULES FOR THE 3RD PERSON SINGULAR (HE / SHE / IT)

In general +s	Verbs ending in conson. + y y + ies	Verbs ending in -o, sh, tch, x, ss + es
work → works	study → studies	go → goes
eat → eats	cry → cries	wash → washes
play → plays	try → tries	watch → watches
swim → swims	spy → spies	mix → mixes
write → writes	fly → flies	kiss → kisses

WE USE PRESENT SIMPLE TO TALK ABOUT:

facts



habits and routines



feeling and emotions



general truth



Negative form

	SUBJECT	DO/DOES	NOT	VERB	
S I N G U L A R	I	DO	NOT	READ	EVERY DAY. ONCE A WEEK. AT HOME.
	YOU	DO	NOT	READ	
	HE / SHE / IT	DOES	NOT	READ	
P L U R A L	WE	DO	NOT	READ	AT HOME.
	YOU	DO	NOT	READ	
	THEY	DO	NOT	READ	

SHORT FORM: do not = don't does not = doesn't

	SUBJECT	SHORT FORM	VERB	
S I N G U L A R	I	DON'T	READ	EVERY DAY. ONCE A WEEK.
	YOU	DON'T	READ	
	HE / SHE / IT	DOESN'T	READ	
P L U R A L	WE	DON'T	READ	AT HOME.
	YOU	DON'T	READ	
	THEY	DON'T	READ	

INTERROGATIVE & SHORT ANSWERS

	DO/DOES	SUBJECT	VERB	SHORT ANSWERS
S I N G U L A R	DO	I	PLAY?	Yes, you do. / No, you don't.
	DO	YOU	PLAY?	Yes, you do. / No, you don't.
	DOES	HE/SHE/IT	PLAY?	Yes, he does. / No, he doesn't.
P L U R A L	DO	WE	PLAY?	Yes, we do. / No, we don't.
	DO	YOU	PLAY?	Yes, we do. / No, we don't.
	DO	THEY	PLAY?	Yes, they do. / No, they don't.