

ENGLISH WORKSHEET

GRAMMAR

Simple present: General statements

Architects design new buildings for cities.	She studies the plans for the new capital.
The city's design includes a lot of green spaces.	The road goes next to an indoor park.
This tall tower doesn't look new.	The skyscraper has a garden inside.

To form the simple present, use the infinitive without to. *I/You/We/They design unusual buildings.* Note that with *he/she/it*, we add **-s** to the verb: *He/She designs a new skyscraper. It looks amazing.* To make a negative sentence, use *don't* or *doesn't*.

The spelling of some verbs changes after adding **-s** or **-es**. Add **-es** to verbs such as *cross* → *crosses*, *wash* → *washes*, *watch* → *watches*. For verbs that end in *y*, drop the *y* and add **-ies**: *study* → *studies*.

Some verbs are irregular: *go* → *goes*, *do* → *does*, *have* → *has*.

4 Listen. Circle the verb you hear. Then listen again to check your answers. TR: 4

- Capital cities **has** / **have** large public areas.
- Children often **play** / **plays** in city parks.
- An architect **teach** / **teaches** how to design buildings.
- People **doesn't** / **don't** walk on this sidewalk.
- Huge mountains **surround** / **surrounds** the capital city.
- In winter the city park **closes** / **close** early.
- She **study** / **studies** unusual architecture in Denmark.
- The bridge **doesn't** / **don't** go to the sports center.

5 Write. Fill in the blanks with the correct simple-present form.

- In Bogotá, people sometimes _____ (use) the highway to bicycle.
- Residents _____ (like) to relax by the stream.
- Architects _____ (not design) skyscrapers for rural areas.
- A new bridge _____ (cross) the highway.
- People _____ (need) green spaces in capital cities.
- Sometimes architects _____ (plan) buildings with parks on the roof.
- In urban areas, people _____ (not enjoy) crowded sidewalks.
- My village _____ (have) a water tower.
- The major highway _____ (connect) two big cities.
- The stream _____ (not go) through the city.

