



# Simple Present

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**Remember!**



## Positive & Negative

- The **present simple** tells about facts or habits. When the subject is the third-person singular, we add **-s** or **-es** to the verb. **Do not** or **does not** comes before the base form of the verb in negative sentences.

	Positive	Negative
I/You/We/They	I read the newspaper.	I <b>don't</b> read the newspaper.
He/She/It	She <b>reads</b> the newspaper.	She <b>doesn't</b> read the newspaper.



**Fact** The sun **rises** in the east.



**Habit** We **drink** milk every day.

- Spelling rules for the third-person singular

Verb Type	Base Form	Third-person Singular	Rule
most verbs	use   find   tell	uses   finds   tells	+ -s
verbs ending in -ch, -sh, -s, -x	catch   match   push miss   pass   mix	catches   matches   pushes misses   passes   mixes	+ -es
verbs ending in a consonant + -y	carry   try   reply	carries   tries   replies	-y → -ies
verbs ending in a vowel + -y	say   play   enjoy	says   plays   enjoys	+ -s
exceptions	have   do   go	has   does   goes	-

## Choose the correct words.

- John **get** / **gets** up early every morning.
- Bees **fly** / **flies** around the flowers in the garden.
- Sarah **has** / **have** a party on her birthday every year.
- My younger sister **go** / **goes** to kindergarten.
- Some twins **look** / **looks** different.
- Spring **comes** / **come** after winter.

## Turn the sentences into the positive or negative form.

POSITIVE

NEGATIVE

• Mike goes to school by bus.	Mike doesn't go to school by bus.
My parents play tennis together.	•
•	She doesn't listen to the radio.
Ryan reads comic books at night.	•
•	The children don't swim in the sea.
Harry has lunch at school.	•