

## Simple Present: Affirmative Statements

Subject	Verb		Subject	Verb	
I			He		
You			She		
We	<b>work</b>	every day.	It	<b>works</b>	every day.
You			My brother		
They					
Tom and Sue					

1. Use the simple present to talk about habits or routines, schedules, and facts.

Habit or Routine: I **exercise** every day.  
Schedule: She **starts** work at eight.  
Fact: It **rains** a lot in April.

2. Add -s to the verb for *he*, *she*, *it*, and singular subjects.

He **drives** to work.  
She **works** in an office.  
The bank **opens** at 9:00 a.m.

3. Do not put *be* in front of another verb in the simple present.

✓ He works at a bank.  
✗ He is work at a bank.

Choose the correct option and write it in the space provided.

1. Doctor Moffett love / loves his job. loves
2. He study / studies ants.
3. A salesperson sell / sells products for a company.
4. You and Anita work / works on weekends.
5. Nurses help / helps people.
6. We write / writes science books.
7. Our office close / closes at 7:00 p.m.
8. She take / takes classes at the business school.
9. You walk / walks to work every day.
10. I start / starts work at 8:00 a.m. every morning.

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. A zookeeper feeds (feed) animals.
2. Computer programmers \_\_\_\_\_ (write) software.
3. Photographers \_\_\_\_\_ (take) photos.
4. A chef \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) food.
5. A firefighter \_\_\_\_\_ (fight) fires.
6. Musicians \_\_\_\_\_ (play) instruments.
7. A farmer \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on a farm.
8. A dancer \_\_\_\_\_ (dance).

### Check your understanding: gap fill

Do this exercise while you listen. Complete the gaps with a word from the box.

pilot	dentist	shop assistant
tour guide		nurse

1. Speaker A works as a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Speaker B works as a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Speaker C works as a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Speaker D works as a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Speaker E works as a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Simple Present Spelling Rules: -s and -es Endings

1. Add -s to most verbs.

close-closes

love-**loves**

stop-stops

dance-dances

open-opens

take-takes

exercise-exercises

play-plays

write-writes

feed-feeds

put-puts

work-works

2. Add -es to verbs ending in -sh, -ch, -s, -x, and -z.

wash-washes

dress-dresses

buzz-buzzes

teach-teaches

relax-relaxes

3. Change -y to -i and add -es to verbs ending in a consonant + y.

carry-carries

copy-copies

study-studies

Write each verb with the correct -s, -es, or -ies ending.

1. study studies

8. help \_\_\_\_\_

2. fish \_\_\_\_\_

9. miss \_\_\_\_\_

3. pass \_\_\_\_\_

10. fly \_\_\_\_\_

4. worry \_\_\_\_\_

11. fix \_\_\_\_\_

5. explore \_\_\_\_\_

12. watch \_\_\_\_\_

6. bite \_\_\_\_\_

13. like \_\_\_\_\_

7. buy \_\_\_\_\_

14. pay \_\_\_\_\_

## Irregular Verbs: *Do, Go, and Have*

Subject	Verb		Subject	Verb	
I	<b>do</b>	the dishes every day.	He	<b>does</b>	the dishes every day.
You	<b>go</b>	to work at 7:00 a.m.	She	<b>goes</b>	to work at 7:00 a.m.
We			It		
You	<b>have</b>	dinner at 6:00 a.m.		<b>has</b>	dinner at 6:00 a.m.
They					

The verbs *do, go, and have* are irregular for *he, she, it,* and singular subjects.

She **goes** home at six-thirty.

He **has** a meeting at two-thirty.

John **does** the laundry on Sunday night.

Complete the paragraphs with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

### Manuel and Lila Vega

Manuel and Lila Vega (1) have (have) a busy lifestyle. Manuel is a doctor at a hospital. He works at night, so he (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to work at 7:00 p.m. and comes home at 7:00 a.m. His wife Lila works at a bank. She (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to work at 8:00 a.m. and comes home at 6:00 p.m. They don't see each other a lot during the week.

Manuel and Lila also (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (have) two children, Luis and Carla. Every morning they all (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (have) breakfast together at 7:30. Then, Luis and Carla (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to school, and Lila (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to work. Manuel (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (do) the dishes, and then (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to bed. Carla usually (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (do) her homework at a friend's house in the afternoon, and Luis (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (have) soccer practice. Manuel gets up at 4:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., he (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner with Lila, Luis, and Carla. After dinner, he (13) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to work. Manuel and Lila (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a busy schedule during the week, but on weekends they relax.

