

Simple Present: Affirmative Statements

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

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.

