

Spelling rules for 3rd Person **s**

Read the questions and answers below. Look at the **verbs**. **1st = first** **3rd = third**

1st person Question		What time do you usually get up on Saturday?
1st person answer		I usually get up at 6 o'clock on Saturday.
3rd person Question		What time does Luis usually get up on Saturday?
3rd person answer		Luis usually gets up at 6 o'clock on Saturday.

In present simple, we add **s** the verb in the 3rd person.

Examples: I play – She plays **s** / I read – He reads **s** / I grow – It grows **s**

TASK – Type the 3rd person verbs

1st person	3rd person
I eat fish and chips every Friday.	Luis fish and chips every Friday.
I read The Metro on the tube.	She The Metro on the tube.
I wear smart clothes in church.	Joana smart clothes in church.
I work every day.	Enilda every day.
I always cook tasty food.	Nancy always tasty food.
I love dancing.	Yamel dancing.
I speak Somali and Dutch.	Alideq Somali and Dutch.
I read and write very well.	Geomar and very well.
I play football every weekend.	Wilson football every weekend.
I always get up early for work.	Daisy always up early for work.
I visit friends every week.	Salada friends every week.
I hate cooking and cleaning.	Tracy cooking and cleaning.

Adding s – spelling rules

Most verbs add **s** in the 3rd person – play/plays – work/work**s** – sleep/sleep**s** – love/love**s**

Some verbs have different rules.

Have is irregular: **have** – has **haven't** – has**n't**

Change the verb

1 st person	3 rd person
I have a lot of enemies.	Trump a lot of enemies.
I haven't got any cash.	She got any cash.
Have I got any spelling mistakes?	he got any spelling mistakes?
I haven't done my homework.	Maria done her homework.
I have five children.	Anna five children.

For verbs that end in **sh** – add **es** **wash** – wash**es** **wish** – wish**es**

Change the verb

1 st person	3 rd person
I wash a lot of dishes at work.	Joel a lot of dishes at work.
I finish work at 9pm.	Tracy work at 9pm.
I wish for good news.	Abdi for good news.
I fish on Clapham Common.	Zara on Clapham Common.
I splash a lot in the pool.	Amira a lot in the pool.
I mash potatoes.	The chef potatoes.
I squash mosquitos in summer.	She mosquitos in summer.
I flush the toilet.	The girl the toilet.

For verbs that end in **ch** – add **es** watch**ch** – watch**es** cat**ch** – catch**es**

Change the verb

1 st person	3 rd person
I often watch YouTube videos.	Ali often YouTube videos.
I teach ESOL in Brixton.	Tracy ESOL in Brixton.
I catch a cold every winter.	Zhor a cold every winter.
I match words and pictures.	Jose words and pictures.
I scratch an itch foot.	Lara an itchy foot.
I reach the top floor.	Ellie the top floor.
I stretch before running.	She before running.
I catch the 333 bus at night.	The man the 333 bus at night.

For verbs that end in **o** – add **es** do – do**es** go – go**es**

Change the verb

1 st person	3 rd person
I never go on holiday.	Ali never on holiday.
I do my best to understand.	Ping her best to understand.
I go to the Mosque on Fridays.	Mo to the Mosque on Fridays.
I do my laundry on Saturday.	Deka her laundry on Saturday.
I go home very late from work.	Mila home very late from work.
I do my homework on time.	Jo her homework on time.

For verbs that end in a **consonant y** – change to **ies** cry – **cries** dry – **dries** try – **tries**

For verbs that end in a **vowel y** – add **s** buy – buy**s** enjoy – enjoy**s**

Change the verb

1 st person	3 rd person
I study ESOL in Brixton.	Yamel ESOL in Brixton.
I hurry to work every morning.	Luis to work every morning.
I worry about the future.	My mum about the future.
I enjoy good food.	Ali good food.
I carry the heavy shopping.	She the heavy shopping.
I buy food in Aldi.	Akberet food in Aldi.
I marry him in December.	He him in December.
I cry when I watch the news.	She when she watch es the news.
I dry the dishes with a towel.	Anna the dishes with a towel.
I try to speak English at work.	Jon to speak English at work.