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3.1 Simple Present: Affirmative Statements

Subject	Verb		Subject	Verb	
I			He		
You			She		
We	work	every day.	It	works	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.

4 Circle the correct form of the verb to complete each sentence.

1. Doctor Moffett **love** / **loves** his job.
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.

5 WRITE & SPEAK. List three activities you do often. Share your sentences with a partner. Then tell the class about your partner.

Student A: *I study. I play games. I talk with my friends.*

Student B: *Maria studies. She plays games. She talks with her friends.*

6 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).

▼ A zookeeper feeds a rhino at the Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita, Kansas, USA.



3.2 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

See page **A2** for additional spelling rules for -s, -es, and -ies endings.

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

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| 1. study <u>studies</u> | 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 _____ |

3.3 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		
You	have	dinner at 6:00 a.m.		has	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.

8 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.