

# Present simple

We use present simple to talk about:

For **habits** or **actions** that we **regularly** do:

He **visits** his friends **every** Sunday.



For **general facts**:

The sun **rises** in the East.



For **permanent situations**:

He **lives** in Athens.



The different forms of present simple are:

Affirmative

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| I walk    | It walks  |
| You walk  | We walk   |
| He walks  | You walk  |
| She walks | They walk |



Negative

|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| I <b>don't</b> walk     | It <b>doesn't</b> walk |
| You <b>don't</b> walk   | We <b>don't</b> walk   |
| He <b>doesn't</b> walk  | You <b>don't</b> walk  |
| She <b>doesn't</b> walk | They <b>don't</b> walk |



## Interrogative

Do I walk?

**Does** it walk?

Do you walk?

Do we walk?

**Does** he walk?

Do you walk?

**Does** she walk?

Do they walk?



The short answers for interrogative sentences in present simple are:

Yes, I / you / we /  
they **do**

Yes, he / she / it  
**does**

(Affirmative)

No, I / you / we /  
they **don't**

No, he / she / it  
**doesn't**

(Negative)

## Tercer person singular

We add **-s** to the verb to form the third person singular (he, she, it).

I write - She writes **s**



I jump - He jumps **s**



We add **-es** to verbs that end in **-ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o**.

I fix - he fixes **es**



I watch - he watches **es**



With verbs ending in **consonant + y**, we change the **-y** to **-ies**.

I study - she **studies**



I try - he **tries**



With verbs ending in **vowel + y**, we just add **-s** as usual.

I play - she **plays**



Some expressions in Present simple are:

**Frequency adverbs**



always, usually,  
often, sometimes,  
rarely, never

**Time expressions**



every day / week /  
Friday...  
on Mondays /  
Sundays...  
at the weekend...  
in the morning /  
afternoon...  
in winter / spring...  
once a day / week...

Write the third person singular of the following verbs. (type only small letters).



play



go



wash



teach



drive



carry



fly



start



help



kiss



watch



tidy



like



enjoy



cry



mix

2. Complete the sentences with the Present Simple tense of the verbs. (type only small letters).

1. Peter and his friends \_\_\_\_\_ to school by bus. (go)
2. Elephants \_\_\_\_\_ leaves and grass. (eat)
3. David's father \_\_\_\_\_ in a hospital. (work)
4. The bank opens at 9.30 and \_\_\_\_\_ at 4.30. (close)
5. Tom and Jim \_\_\_\_\_ football every day after school. (play)
6. Mr Jones is a teacher. He \_\_\_\_\_ History. (teach)
7. Our lessons \_\_\_\_\_ at 9.00 and \_\_\_\_\_ at 3.30. (start / finish)
8. My pen friend \_\_\_\_\_ in Japan. (live)
9. Mary and her brother \_\_\_\_\_ cartoons every Sunday morning. (watch)
10. John \_\_\_\_\_ his room every day. (tidy)

### 3. Fill in the gaps with the Present Simple of the verbs in the box.

|    |      |      |         |      |     |      |      |      |
|----|------|------|---------|------|-----|------|------|------|
| go | work | ride | deliver | love | jog | rest | fish | walk |
|----|------|------|---------|------|-----|------|------|------|

Mr. Letty is a postman. He doesn't work in the post office. He always **works** outside in the streets. He \_\_\_\_\_ letters to all the people in the neighborhood every day. He doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ but he \_\_\_\_\_ his motorbike. At the weekend, Mr. Letty doesn't work. He \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_ the countryside, so he always \_\_\_\_\_ to his country house with his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Letty \_\_\_\_\_ in the river and they \_\_\_\_\_ in the woods every weekend.



### 4. Look at the pictures and choose the best options for questions and answers, as in the example.

1. play / the guitar / in the afternoon

Does he play the guitar in the afternoon?

No he doesn't play the guitar in the afternoon.

He plays the accordion.



2. walk / after lunch



3. ride / their / bicycles / to work / every day



4. listen / to the radio / every Sunday



5. clean / the house / on Mondays



6. watch / TV / after school



5. Fill in the gaps with the **negative** or the **interrogative** form of the Present Simple of the verbs in brackets.

**Mark:** Hi, Tess! What are you doing?

**Tess:** I'm watching the football team.

**Mark:** Do you **watch** (watch) them every day?

**Tess:** No, I don't. They (not play) every day. They play four times a week.

**Mark:** you (have) a favorite player?

**Tess:** No, I (not have) a favorite player. Everyone on the team is good.

**Mark:** the attacker (move) fast?

**Tess:** No, he (not move) fast, but he's very clever.

you (like) football, Mark?

**Mark:** No, I (not like) it. I like basketball. It's a great sport.

