

Present Simple

Positive, Negative, Interrogative



FORM

POSITIVE:

I, you, we, they: bare infinitive
he, she, it: bare infinitive + -s
E.g.:
I drink milk every day.
He drinks milk every day.

NEGATIVE:

I, you, we, they: do not + bare infinitive
he, she, it: does not + bare infinitive.
E.g.:
I do not drink milk every day.
He does not drink milk every day.

INTERROGATIVE:

Do + I / you/we/ they + bare infinitive
Does + he/she/it + bare infinitive
E.g.:
Do I drink milk every day?
Does he drink milk every day?

3rd PERSON SINGULAR SPELLING RULES:

General rule: add -s

walk - she walks
talk - she talks
answer - answers

Verbs ending in s, ss, ch, sh, x: add -es

miss - she misses
watch - she watches
wash - washes

Verbs ending in o: add -es

go - she goes
do - she does

Verbs ending in consonant + y: change the y into i and add -es

study - she studies
tidy - she tidies

Verbs ending in vowel + y: add -s

play - she plays
enjoy - she enjoys
stay - she stays

Write the third person singular in the present simple of the following verbs in the right place.

A

forget	fly	brush	open	say	pray
pay	understand	throw	echo	cook	hurry
touch	study	finish	apply	catch	like
go	want	try	stay	enjoy	wish
play	supply	do	obey	relax	undo

Verb + -s

Verb + -es

Vowel + y + -s

Consonant + y + -es

o + -es

B

Fill in the blanks with the present simple of the verbs in brackets.

1. Janet _____ (watch) a film on TV.
2. The girl _____ (finish) her homework.
3. My father _____ (fix) the TV.
4. The children _____ (visit) the museum every school year.
5. Helen _____ (wash) her hair every two days.

6. I normally _____ (talk) to John on the phone.
7. Karen and Sara _____ (play) the guitar.
8. Tom _____ (collect) stamps.
9. The young boy _____ (cry) for help.
10. Katy _____ (admire) her grandmother.
11. Babies _____ (like) to clap their hands.