

# 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 dinks milk every day.

#### NEGATIVE:

I, you, we, they: **don't** + bare infinitive  
he, she, it: **doesn't** + bare infinitive.  
E.g.:  
I don't drink milk every day.  
He doesn't 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?

### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
fix - she fixes

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

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Verb + -s

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Verb + -es

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Vowel + y + -s

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Consonant + y + -es

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\_\_\_\_\_

o + -es

B

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

- Janet \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a film on TV.
- The girl \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) her homework.
- My father \_\_\_\_\_ (fix) the TV.
- The children \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) the museum every school year.
- Helen \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) her hair every two days.
- My friend \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to cheer me up.
- My mother \_\_\_\_\_ (guide) me.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ (offer) me a CD every Christmas.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for you whatever happens.
- My mother always \_\_\_\_\_ (divide) the cake in six.

- My family \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) a trip to the UK every year.
- Mr. Harris is the one who usually \_\_\_\_\_ (carry) the heavy boxes to the attic.
- I normally \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to John on the phone.
- Karen and Sara \_\_\_\_\_ (play) the guitar.
- The students \_\_\_\_\_ (describe) their homes easily.
- Tom \_\_\_\_\_ (collect) stamps.
- The young boy \_\_\_\_\_ (cry) for help.
- Susan \_\_\_\_\_ (wrap) the present.
- Katy \_\_\_\_\_ (admire) her grandmother.
- Babies \_\_\_\_\_ (like) to clap their hands.



**C** Fill in the gaps with the Present Simple (negative) of the verbs in brackets.

- David \_\_\_\_\_ (not / watch) films in the cinema.
- Carol \_\_\_\_\_ (not / like) to go to parties.
- My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (not / go) to restaurants.
- Peter \_\_\_\_\_ (not / close) the door when he enters.
- Nicole \_\_\_\_\_ (not / obey) any rule.
- Jewels \_\_\_\_\_ (not / disappear) just like that!
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / like) to wait too much long.
- Mrs. Underwood \_\_\_\_\_ (not / understand) me.
- The students \_\_\_\_\_ (not / identify) the subject in the sentence.
- The naughty boys \_\_\_\_\_ (not / apologise) for their bad behaviour as a rule.
- Caroline \_\_\_\_\_ (not / like) to be disturbed.
- Thieves \_\_\_\_\_ (not / admit) that they steal.



**D** Now use the interrogative form of the present simple.

- \_\_\_\_\_ (the girl / blush) when her boyfriend kisses her?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Caroline / like) to be disturbed?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (you / explain) clearly?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Mum / cook) dinner every day?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (the pupil / ask) for help?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (girls / enjoy) going to parties?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (you / visit) the museum regularly?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Charles / arrive) early as a rule?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (secretaries / make) hotel reservations?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Mrs. Clark / water) the plants?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (the cat / scratch) the front door?
- \_\_\_\_\_ (your sister / cook) well?



**E** Rewrite the sentences both in the negative and interrogative forms.

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| 1. I walk to school.<br>NEG. _____<br>INT. _____                              | 5. I talk to Andrew every single day.<br>NEG. _____<br>INT. _____           |
| 2. That driver never stops at the traffic lights.<br>NEG. _____<br>INT. _____ | 6. Michael works in a big company.<br>NEG. _____<br>INT. _____              |
| 3. The boys play football quite well.<br>NEG. _____<br>INT. _____             | 7. My Mum mixes all the ingredients.<br>NEG. _____<br>INT. _____            |
| 4. This kite flies real high.<br>NEG. _____<br>INT. _____                     | 8. My brother Alfred studies Spanish at school.<br>NEG. _____<br>INT. _____ |