

GRAMMAR The simple present tense: Review

Affirmative statements

My in-laws **live** in Rio.
My ex-wife **lives** in Tokyo.

Negative statements

My aunt and uncle **don't work** in an office.
My cousin **doesn't work** at home.

Contractions
don't = do not
doesn't = does not

Yes / no questions and short answers

Do they **have** any children? Yes, they do. / No, they don't.
Does she **have** any nieces or nephews? Yes, she does. / No, she doesn't.

Spelling rules with he, she, and it

Add **-s** to the base form of most verbs.

works likes plays calls

Add **-es** to verbs that end in **-s, -sh, -ch, or -x**.

washes watches relaxes

Exceptions:

do → does
go → goes
have → has
study → studies

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Exercise 1: Complete the conversations. Use the simple tense.

- A: _____ your cousin _____ (have) any children?
B: Yes, she _____. She _____ two kids - a girl and a boy
- A: _____ your in-laws _____ (live) in Toronto?
B: No, they _____. They _____ in Ottawa.
- A: _____ your parents _____ (work_ in Quito?
B: Yes, they _____. They _____ for the government.
- A: _____ your fiancé _____ (like) hip-hop?
B: No, he _____. He _____ it at all.
- A: _____ her ex-husband _____ (see) their kids?
B: Yes, he _____. He _____ them a lot.
- A: _____ you _____ (call) your nieces every day?
B: No, I _____. They _____ me!

Exercise 2: Write yes/no questions.

1. A: _____ near you?

B: No, she doesn't. She lives in another city.

2. A: _____ drink coffee?

B: No, he doesn't. My brother drinks tea.

3. A: _____ children?

B: No. We don't have any yet.

4. A: _____ in Mexico?

B: No. My in-laws live in Chile.

5. A: _____ English?

B: Yes, she does. My niece speaks it well.

6. A: _____ work here?

B: Yes, they do. My cousins work downstairs.

7. A: _____ early?

B: No. The bookstore opens late