

I do/work/like etc. (present simple)

A



They have a lot of books.
They **read** a lot.



He's eating an ice cream.
He **likes** ice cream.

They **read** / he **likes** / I **work** etc. = the *present simple*:

I/we/you/they	read	like	work	live	watch	do	have
he/she/it	reads	likes	works	lives	watches	does	has

Remember:

he works / **she lives** / **it rains** etc.

- I **work** in a shop. **My brother works** in a bank. (*not* My brother work)
- Lucy lives** in London. **Her parents live** in Scotland.
- It rains** a lot in winter.

I **have** → he/she/it **has**:

- Joe has** a shower every day.

Spelling (→ Appendix 5):

-es after -s / -sh / -ch :	pass → passes	finish → finishes	watch → watches
-y → -ies :	study → studies	try → tries	
<i>also</i> :	do → does	go → goes	

B

We use the present simple for things that are true in general, or for things that happen sometimes or all the time:

- I **like** big cities.
- Your English is good. You **speak** very well.
- Tom **works** very hard. He **starts** at 7.30 and **finishes** at 8 o'clock in the evening.
- The earth **goes** round the sun.
- We **do** a lot of different things in our free time.
- It **costs** a lot of money to build a hospital.

C

always/never/often/usually/sometimes + present simple

- Sue **always gets** to work early. (*not* Sue gets always)
- I **never eat** breakfast. (*not* I eat never)
- We **often go** away at weekends.
- Mark **usually plays** football on Sundays.
- I **sometimes walk** to work, but not very often.

I don't ... (negative) → Unit 6 Do you ... ? (questions) → Unit 7 I am doing and I do → Unit 8
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Exercises

5.1 Write these verbs with **-s** or **-es**.

- 1 (read) she reads 3 (fly) it _____ 5 (have) she _____
 2 (think) he _____ 4 (dance) he _____ 6 (finish) it _____

5.2 Complete the sentences about the people in the pictures. Use:

eat go live ~~play~~ play sleep



- 1 He plays the piano. 4 _____ tennis.
 2 They _____ in a very big house. 5 _____ to the cinema a lot.
 3 _____ a lot of fruit. 6 _____ seven hours a night.

5.3 Complete the sentences. Use:

boil close cost cost like like meet open ~~spea~~k teach wash

- 1 Maria speaks four languages.
 2 The shops in the city centre usually _____ at 9 o'clock in the morning.
 3 The City Museum _____ at 5 o'clock in the evening.
 4 Tina is a teacher. She _____ mathematics to young children.
 5 My job is very interesting. I _____ a lot of people.
 6 Peter's car is always dirty. He never _____ it.
 7 Food is expensive. It _____ a lot of money.
 8 Shoes are expensive. They _____ a lot of money.
 9 Water _____ at 100 degrees Celsius.
 10 Laura and I are good friends. I _____ her and she _____ me.

5.4 Write sentences from these words. Use the right form of the verb (**arrive** or **arrives** etc.).

- 1 (always / early / Sue / arrive) Sue always arrives early.
 2 (to the cinema / never / I / go) I _____
 3 (work / Martina / hard / always) _____
 4 (like / chocolate / children / usually) _____
 5 (Jackie / parties / enjoy / always) _____
 6 (often / people's names / I / forget) _____
 7 (TV / Sam / watch / never) _____
 8 (usually / dinner / we / have / at 7.30) _____
 9 (Kate / always / nice clothes / wear) _____

5.5 Write sentences about yourself. Use **always/never/often/usually/sometimes**.

- 1 (watch TV in the evening) I usually watch TV in the evening.
 2 (read in bed) I _____
 3 (get up before 7 o'clock) _____
 4 (go to work/school by bus) _____
 5 (drink coffee in the morning) _____