Present Simple (1)

Form



Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
I walk	I don't walk	Do I walk?
You walk	You don't walk	Do you walk?
He walks	He doesn't walk	Does he walk?
She walks	She doesn't walk	Does she walk?
It walks	It doesn't walk	Does it walk?
We walk	We don't walk	Do we walk?
You walk	You don't walk	Do you walk?
They walk	They don't walk	Do they walk?

Short answers

Affirmative	Negative
Yes, I / you / we / they do	No, I / you / we / they don't
Yes, he / she / it does	No, he / she / it doesn't

Third person singular

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

I drink - he drinks
I run - he runs

BUT

- We add -es to verbs that end in -ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o.
  I watch - he watches
- With verbs ending in **consonant + y**, we change the -y to -ies.
  I cry - he cries
  But with verbs ending in **vowel + y**, we just add -s as usual.
  I play - he plays

Use

We use the **Present Simple**:

- for habits and actions that we do regularly:
  He visits his friends every Sunday.
  She goes to school by bus.
- for **general truths**:
  The sun rises in the East.
- for **permanent situations**:
  He lives in Athens.

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Expressions used with the Present Simple

Frequency adverbs: always, usually, often, sometimes, rarely, never
(they are placed before the main verb)

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

A. Write the third person singular of the following verbs.

play	plays	go	goes
wash	washes	teach	teaches
drive	drives	carry	carrys
fly	flys	start	starts
help	helpes	kiss	kisses
watch	watches	tidy	tidys
like	likes	enjoy	enjoys
cry	crys	mix	mixes



B. Complete the sentences with the Present Simple of the verbs in brackets.

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