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For third-person singular verb forms in the present simple, we add -s, -es or -ies at the end of the verb.

A. Add third-person singular verb endings to the verbs (-s, -es or -ies).

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| 1. teach | | 9. buzz | |
| 2. fly | | 10. watch | |
| 3. run | | 11. sit | |
| 4. push | | 12. guess | |
| 5. fix | | 13. stop | |
| 6. do | | 14. worry | |
| 7. dance | | 15. finish | |
| 8. go | | 16. have | |

What are the spelling rules for present simple third-person singular verb forms?

For most verbs, we add

For verbs ending with a consonant and -y, we add

For verbs ending in -s, -z, -ch, -sh, -o, or -x, we add

For the verb *have*, we add

B. Underline the correct present simple verb form in each sentence.

1. My family *go* / *goes* on holiday in the summer.
2. I often *eat* / *eats* dinner at my friend's house.
3. Emma *do* / *does* her homework in the evening.
4. They *play* / *plays* badminton every afternoon.
5. We *eat* / *eats* eggs for breakfast.
6. My brother never *watch* / *watches* television.
7. He never *finish* / *finishes* his homework on time.
8. Mrs. White *sweep* / *sweeps* the floor twice a week.
9. My dog *bark* / *barks* at night.
10. You *listen* / *listens* to the radio every morning.
11. Becky and Liz *go* / *goes* to the swimming pool every week.
12. My parents *live* / *lives* in Paris.





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From the last exercise, write what you understand about subject-verb agreement in the present simple.

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C. Complete the present simple affirmative and negative sentences with the verbs in brackets.

1. Fish (not fly). They(swim).
2. I (wash) the dishes, but I(not put) them away.
3. They (not clean) the kitchen before they (eat) dinner.
4. Neil (try) to be a good boy, but he.....(not behave) well.
5. The sun (not rise) in the west. It.....(rise) in the east.
6. A spider (not have) wings. A bird (have) wings.
7. Sarah (not like) swimming. She (like) to play tennis.
8. He (not be) American. He.....(be) Canadian.
9. I (be) a student. I (not be) a teacher.
10. Class (start) at 9 o'clock. It (not start) at 8 o'clock.
11. Tom (not play) football. He (play) computer games.
12. Sarah (brush) her hair every morning before she
(go) to school.
13. I (not catch) a cold in the summer, but I often
(catch) a cold in the winter.
14. Natalie (not sit) in the sun. She never.....(go) to the beach.
15. They (not do) their homework together. They (do) it alone.

What are the rules for negative verb forms in the present simple?

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