

Simple present - spelling rules

To form the third person singular for simple present verbs, follow these rules:

#	Rule	Examples
1	For most verbs, add -s.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> eat → eats sing → sings like → likes
2	If a verb ends in consonant + -y, change -y to -i and add -es.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> carry → carries try → tries study → studies
3	If a verb ends with -s, -z, -sh, -ch, -x, or -o, add -es.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> miss → misses buzz → buzzes wash → washes watch → watches mix → mixes go → goes
4	For the verbs <i>be</i> and <i>have</i> , use <i>is</i> and <i>has</i> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> be → is have → has

Practice:

- Go _____
- Fix _____
- Dance _____
- Marry _____
- Write _____
- Try _____
- Talk _____
- Play _____
- Kiss _____
- Read _____

- Run _____
- Fly _____
- Cook _____
- Drive _____
- Catch _____
- Do _____
- Relax _____
- Copy _____
- Say _____
- Enjoy _____

