

1st, 2nd, 3rd Person

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Verb Conjugation - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Person

What will you learn?

- Identify singular/plural subjects and whether the subject is 1st, 2nd, or 3rd person
- How to conjugate verbs in simple present
- Irregular Verb - To Be

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I eat apples.
(1st person, singular, present simple)

He eats apples.
(3rd person, singular, present simple)

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Subject pronouns are used to replace or reference our subject.

I
you
he/she/it
we
they

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"I" is used when the subject of the sentence is yourself or the person speaking.

"You" is used when you are speaking directly to another person or group of people.

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"He" is used when you are referring to a male subject.

"She" is used when you are referring to a female subject.

"It" is used when you are referring to a non-gendered subject or item.

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"We" is used when you are referring to yourself and at least one other subject.

"They" is used when you are referring to only other subjects not including yourself.

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The subject pronouns "he/she/it," "we," and "they" can be used to replace the subject's name or title in a sentence.

John likes bread.
He (John) likes bread.

John and I like bread.
We (John and I) like bread.

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Singular and Plural Subjects

A singular subject means there is only 1 person or thing as the subject of a sentence or clause.

A plural subject means there are two or more things and/or persons as subjects of a sentence or clause.

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Grammatical Person

1st person (I and we)

2nd person (you)

3rd person (he/she/it and they)

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"I" is 1st person singular.

"You" is used for 2nd person singular or plural.

"He," "she" and "it" are 3rd person singular.

"We" is 1st person plural.

"They" is 3rd person plural.

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"I" is a singular subject in the first person. Use the base form of the verb for the simple present tense.

I walk to school.

I eat breakfast every morning.

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"We" is a plural subject in the first person. Use the base form of the verb in the simple present tense.

We walk to school.

We eat breakfast every morning.

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"You" is used for both second-person singular and plural subjects. Use the base form of the verb.

You walk to school.

You (all) eat breakfast every morning.

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"He," "she," and "it" are singular subjects in the third person. Add "s" or "es" to the base form of the verb in the simple present tense.

He walks to school.

She eats breakfast every morning.

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"They" is a plural subject in the third person. Use the base form of the verb for the simple present tense.

They walk to school.

They eat breakfast every morning.

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We work on Saturdays. (first person, plural)

You need to take a break. (second person, singular/plural)

It snows during winter. (third person, singular)

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Quick Tip

Best way to remember all of this? If our subject is in the 3rd person singular (he, she, or it), the verb changes by adding "s" or "es."

All other subjects, first person singular (I) and plural (we), second person singular (you) and plural (you), and 3rd person plural (they), the verb stays in its base form.

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	singular	plural
1 st person	I eat	we eat
2 nd person	you eat	you (all) eat
3 rd person	he, she, it eats	they eat

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Some verbs are irregular. This means they don't follow the standard spelling rules we just covered.

"to be" - am, are, is

I am a student.
You are a teacher.
He is a doctor.
We are friends.
They are lawyers.

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	present		past	
1 st person	I am	we are	I was	we were
2 nd person	you are	you are	you were	you were
3 rd person	he/she/it is	they are	he/she/it was	they were

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Subject pronouns represent our subject and can replace the name or title of the subject in our sentence.

John walks to school.
He walks to school.

John and Mary walk to school.
They walk to school.

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Sarah stretches for yoga class.
She stretches for yoga class.

Sarah and John stretch for yoga class.
They stretch for yoga class.

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Recap

1st, 2nd, and 3rd person refer to who is the subject of our sentence.

Add "s" or "es" for 3rd-person singular subjects, but use the base form of the verb for all other persons.

Irregular verbs don't use the normal spelling rules.

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