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Unit 3 VERBS

Lesson 17: Simple Tense: Present (pp. 80–83)

Remember

The **tense** of a verb tells when an action happens. A verb in the **present tense** tells about an action that is happening now. A verb must agree with its subject. If the subject is singular or *he, she, or it*, the verb must be singular. If the subject is plural or *I, we, you, or they*, the verb must be plural. Follow these rules for forming present-tense verbs:

Add **-s** to form most present-tense singular verbs.

Add **-es** if the verb ends in *s, ch, sh, x, or z*.

If the verb ends in a consonant and *y*, change the *y* to *i* and add **-es**.

Do not add **-s** or **-es** to form the plural form of a verb in the present tense.

Write the present-tense form of the verb in parentheses that correctly completes each sentence.

1. Keiki watches the concert on TV. (watch)
2. A fifth-grader hurries down to the school bus. (hurry)
3. Mr. Timmons washes his clothes at the laundromat. (wash)
4. The students complete their projects on time. (complete)
5. The big balloon just misses the tops of the trees. (miss)
6. My Dad finishes work around midnight. (finish)
7. Sean pats the puppy's head gently. (pat)
8. Sometimes the new baby cries at night. (cry)
9. A small airplane buzzes over the lake. (buzz)
10. Delano mixes the batter for the cake. (mix)
11. I visit Grandma every few days. (visit)
12. Mr. Liu leaves the cabin empty all winter. (leave)
13. The geese travel in large flocks. (travel)
14. This sweater matches your pants. (match)
15. Aunt Chandra tries every new product at the store. (try)