

# Present Simple (1)

## Form



### Affirmative

I walk  
You walk  
He walks  
She walks  
It walks  
We walk  
You walk  
They walk

### Negative

I **don't** walk  
You **don't** walk  
He **doesn't** walk  
She **doesn't** walk  
It **doesn't** walk  
We **don't** walk  
You **don't** walk  
They **don't** walk

### Interrogative

**Do** I walk?  
**Do** you walk?  
**Does** he walk?  
**Does** she walk?  
**Does** it walk?  
**Do** we walk?  
**Do** you walk?  
**Do** they walk?

### Short answers

#### Affirmative

Yes, I / you / we / they **do**  
Yes, he / she / it **does**

#### Negative

No, I / you / we / they **don't**  
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.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

go \_\_\_\_\_

wash \_\_\_\_\_

teach \_\_\_\_\_

drive \_\_\_\_\_

carry \_\_\_\_\_

fly \_\_\_\_\_

start \_\_\_\_\_

help \_\_\_\_\_

kiss \_\_\_\_\_

watch \_\_\_\_\_

tidy \_\_\_\_\_

like \_\_\_\_\_

enjoy \_\_\_\_\_

cry \_\_\_\_\_

mix \_\_\_\_\_



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

1. Peter and his friends \_\_\_\_\_ to school by bus. (go)

2. Elephants \_\_\_\_\_ leaves and grass. (eat)

3. David's father \_\_\_\_\_ in a hospital. (work)

4. The bank opens at 9.30 and \_\_\_\_\_ at 4.30. (close)

5. Tom and Jim \_\_\_\_\_ football every day after school. (play)

6. Mr Jones is a teacher. He \_\_\_\_\_ History. (teach)

7. Our lessons \_\_\_\_\_ at 9.00 and \_\_\_\_\_ at 3.30. (start / finish)

8. My pen friend \_\_\_\_\_ in Japan. (live)

9. Mary and her brother \_\_\_\_\_ cartoons every Sunday morning. (watch)

10. John \_\_\_\_\_ his room every day. (tidy)

C. Complete the blanks with the Present Simple of the verbs in the box.

go	work	ride	deliver	love	jog	rest	fish	walk
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Mr Letty is a postman. He doesn't work in the post office. He always **works** outside in the streets.

He \_\_\_\_\_ letters to all the people in the neighbourhood every day. He doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ but he \_\_\_\_\_ his motorbike.

At the weekend, Mr Letty doesn't work.

He \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_ the countryside, so he always \_\_\_\_\_ to his country house with his wife. Mr and Mrs Letty \_\_\_\_\_ in the river and they \_\_\_\_\_ in the woods every weekend.



D. Look at the pictures and write questions and answers, as in the example.

1. play / the guitar / in the afternoon

*Does he play the guitar in the afternoon?*

*No he doesn't play the guitar in the afternoon.*

*He plays the accordion.*



2. walk / after lunch

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3. ride / their / bicycles / to work / every day

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4. listen / to the radio / every Sunday

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5. clean / the house / on Mondays

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6. watch / TV / after school

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E. Complete the blanks with the **negative** or the **interrogative** form of the Present Simple of the verbs in brackets.

Mark: Hi, Tess! What are you doing?

Tess: I'm watching the football team.

Mark: Do you **watch** (watch) them every day?

Tess: No, I don't. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not play)  
every day. They play four times a week.

Mark: \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (have)  
a favourite player?



Tess: No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) a favourite player. Everyone on the team is  
good.

Mark: \_\_\_\_\_ the attacker \_\_\_\_\_ (move) fast?

Tess: No, he \_\_\_\_\_ (not move) fast, but he's very clever. \_\_\_\_\_  
you \_\_\_\_\_ (like) football, Mark?

Mark: No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) it. I like basketball. It's a great sport.