

Present simple: affirmative

1 Compare the sentences. Then match a–d with Spelling Rules 1–4.

- a. I study a lot. / Her older daughter **studies** hard.
 b. We **have** breakfast at 7.30 a.m. / He **has** breakfast at 5.30 a.m.
 c. My brother and I **go** to school. / He **goes** to work.
 d. I **get up** at 7 a.m. / Noel **gets up** at 4.45 a.m.

SPELLING RULES

We use the present simple when we talk about facts and routines. The verbs for *he*, *she* and *it* end differently:

- We add -s to most verbs: *play* → *plays*.
- We add -es when a verb ends with -o, -ch, -s, -sh, -x or -z.
- We remove -y and add -ies when a verb ends with a consonant + y.
- We use *has* instead of *have*.

2 Choose the correct verbs.

- You **go** / **goes** to bed at 9.30 p.m.
- My parents **relaxes** / **relax** in the evening.
- My teacher **speaks** / **speak** four languages.
- Our English class **finish** / **finishes** at 3 p.m.
- I **has** / **have** lunch at home.
- My sister **studies** / **study** at the weekend.

1.23 **PRONUNCIATION: Third person -s**
 Listen to the third person form of the verbs and repeat. Which verbs end with an /ɪz/ sound?

- 1 relaxes

Now indicate the word whose bold part differs from the other three in pronunciation.

- a. relaxes b. finishes c. studies d. boxes
- a. goes b. does c. watches d. toes
- a. aches b. watches c. beaches d. matches
- a. washes b. wishes c. makes d. witches
- a. takes b. makes c. aches d. watches

Present simple: negative

4 Complete the examples from the text on page 26. Then choose the correct words in Rules 1–3.

- The younger children
 2 Sue TV a lot.
 3 The Radfords usually to restaurants.

RULES

- We use *don't* / *doesn't* after *he*, *she* and *it* to make negative sentences.
- We use *don't* / *doesn't* after *I*, *you*, *we* and *they* to make negative sentences.
- In negative sentences, the main verb sometimes / never ends with an -s.



5 Look at the information in the table. Write affirmative and negative sentences about the people.

Tom and Mina wash the dishes.

Vicky doesn't wash the car.

	Tom	Vicky	Mina
wash the dishes 	✓	✗	✓
wash the car 	✓	✗	✓
sit on the sofa a lot 	✓	✓	✗
make breakfast 	✗	✗	✓
watch TV a lot 	✗	✓	✗

6 USE IT! Work in pairs. What does each person in your family do at home? Tell your partner. Use some of the verbs from pages 24–25 and exercise 5 (page 25) with adverbs of frequency.

My brother often gets up late. He doesn't help with the housework a lot, but he sometimes washes the dishes.

Finished?

Write five true sentences about your partner.

Long's brother often gets up late. He doesn't help with the housework a lot, but he sometimes washes the dishes.