

## I do/work/like etc. (present simple)

A



They're looking at their books.  
They **read** a lot.



He's eating an ice-cream.  
He **likes** ice-cream.

They **read** / he **likes** / I **work** etc. = the *present simple*:

I/we/you/they	<b>read</b>	<b>like</b>	<b>work</b>	<b>live</b>	<b>watch</b>	<b>do</b>	<b>have</b>
he/she/it	<b>reads</b>	<b>likes</b>	<b>works</b>	<b>lives</b>	<b>watches</b>	<b>does</b>	<b>has</b>

**Remember:**

**he works** / **she lives** / **it rains** etc.

- ❑ **I work** in a shop. **My brother works** in a bank. (*not* My brother work)
- ❑ **Lucy lives** in London. **Her parents live** in Scotland.
- ❑ **It rains** a lot in winter.

I **have** → he/she/it **has**:

- ❑ **John has** a shower every day.

Spelling (→ Appendix 5):

-es after -s / -sh / -ch:	pass → passes	finish → finishes	watch → watches
-y → -ies:	study → studies	try → tries	
also:	do → does	go → goes	

B

We use the present simple for things that are true in general, or for things that happen sometimes or all the time:

- ❑ **I like** big cities.
- ❑ Your English is good. You **speak** very well.
- ❑ Tim **works** very hard. He **starts** at 7.30 and **finishes** at 8 o'clock in the evening.
- ❑ The earth **goes** round the sun.
- ❑ We **do** a lot of different things in our free time.
- ❑ It **costs** a lot of money to build a hospital.

C

**always/never/often/usually/sometimes** + present simple

- ❑ Sue **always gets** to work early. (*not* Sue gets always)
- ❑ I **never eat** breakfast. (*not* I eat never)
- ❑ We **often go** away at weekends.
- ❑ Mark **usually plays** football on Sundays.
- ❑ I **sometimes walk** to work, but not very often.

I don't ... (negative) → **Unit 6** Do you ... ? (questions) → **Unit 7** I am doing and I do → **Unit 8**  
always/usually/often etc. (word order) → **Unit 94**

# Exercises

## Unit 5

### 5.1 Write these verbs with -s or -es.

- 1 (read) she reads      3 (fly) it flies      5 (have) she has  
 2 (think) he thinks      4 (dance) he dances      6 (finish) it finishes

### 5.2 Complete the sentences about the people in the pictures. Use:

~~eat~~   ~~go~~   ~~live~~   ~~play~~   ~~play~~   ~~sleep~~



- 1 He plays the piano.      4 Play tennis.  
 2 They live in a very big house.      5 Go to the cinema a lot.  
 3 Eat a lot of fruit.      6 Sleep seven hours a night.

### 5.3 Complete the sentences. Use:

~~boil~~   ~~close~~   ~~cost~~   ~~cost~~   ~~like~~   ~~like~~   ~~meet~~   ~~open~~   ~~speak~~   ~~teach~~   ~~wash~~

- 1 Maria speaks four languages.  
 2 The shops in the city centre usually open at 9 o'clock in the morning.  
 3 The City Museum close at 5 o'clock in the evening.  
 4 Tina is a teacher. She teaches mathematics to young children.  
 5 My job is very interesting. I meet a lot of people.  
 6 Peter's car is always dirty. He never washes it.  
 7 Food is expensive. It costs a lot of money.  
 8 Shoes are expensive. They cost a lot of money.  
 9 Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius.  
 10 Julia and I are good friends. I like her and she likes me.

### 5.4 Write sentences from these words. Use the right form of the verb (arrive or arrives etc.).

- 1 (always / early / Sue / arrive) Sue always arrives early.  
 2 (to the cinema / never / I / go) I never go to the cinema.  
 3 (work / Martina / hard / always) Martina always works hard.  
 4 (like / chocolate / children / usually) Children usually like chocolate.  
 5 (Julia / parties / enjoy / always) Julia always enjoys parties.  
 6 (often / people's names / I / forget) I often forget people's names.  
 7 (television / Tim / watch / never) Tim never watches television.  
 8 (usually / dinner / we / have / at 7.30) We usually have dinner at 7.30.  
 9 (Jenny / always / nice clothes / wear) Jenny always wears nice clothes.

### 5.5 Write sentences about yourself. Use always/never/often/usually/sometimes.

- 1 (watch TV in the evening) I usually watch TV in the evening.  
 2 (read in bed) I rarely read in bed.  
 3 (get up before 7 o'clock) I never get up before 7 o'clock.  
 4 (go to work/school by bus) I never go to work by bus, because I work at home.  
 5 (drink coffee in the morning) I rarely drink coffee in the morning, because I have gastritis.