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Present Simple (1)

Form



Afirmative

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	<u>plays</u>	go	<u>goes</u>
wash	<u>washes</u>	teach	<u>teaches</u>
drive	<u>drives</u>	carry	<u>carries</u>
fly	<u>flies</u>	start	<u>starts</u>
help	<u>helps</u>	kiss	<u>kisses</u>
watch	<u>watches</u>	tidy	<u>tidies</u>
like	<u>likes</u>	enjoy	<u>enjoys</u>
cry	<u>cries</u>	mix	<u>mixes</u>



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

1. Peter and his friends goes to school by bus. (go)
2. Elephants eats leaves and grass. (eat)
3. David's father works in a hospital. (work)
4. The bank opens at 9.30 and closes at 4.30. (close)
5. Tom and Jim plays football every day after school. (play)
6. Mr Jones is a teacher. He teaches History. (teach)
7. Our lessons starts at 9.00 and finishes at 3.30. (start / finish)
8. My pen friend lives in Japan. (live)
9. Mary and her brother watches cartoons every Sunday morning. (watch)
10. John tidies 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~~

Mr Letty is a postman. He doesn't work in the post office. He always ~~works~~ outside in the streets.

He delivers letters to all the people in the neighbourhood every day. He doesn't rests but he rides his motorbike.

At the weekend, Mr Letty doesn't work.

He rests. He walks the countryside, so he always goes to his country house with his wife. Mr and Mrs Letty fishes in the river and they jogs 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

Does he walk after lunch?



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

Does he ride every day
their bicycles to work



4. listen / to the radio / every Sunday

Does he listen to the radio
every Sunday?



5. clean / the house / on Mondays

Does he clean the house on
Mondays?



6. watch / TV / after school

Does he watch TV after
school?



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 *don't play* (not play)
every day. They play four times a week.

Mark: *Do* you *have* (have)
a favourite player?

Tess: No, I *don't have* (not have) a favourite player. Everyone on the team is good.

Mark: *Does* the attacker *move* (move) fast?

Tess: No, he *doesn't move* (not move) fast, but he's very clever. *Do*
you *like* (like) football, Mark?

Mark: No, I *don't like* (not like) it. I like basketball. It's a great sport.

