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today, everyday, week, month, often | usually, always, seldom, sometimes



Verb or Verb + s/-es in 3 p.

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The simple present tense in English is used to describe an action that is regular, true or normal.

- We use the present tense:
- **1. For repeated or regular actions in the present time period.**
- I **take** the train to the office.
- The sun **rises** in the east.
- John **sleeps** eight hours every night during the week.

We use the present tense:

- **3. For habits.**
- I **get up** early every day.
- Mike **brushes** his teeth twice a day.
- We **travel** to our country house every weekend.

We use the present tense:

- **4. For things that are always / generally true.**
- It **rains** a lot in autumn.
- The Queen of England **lives** in Buckingham Palace.
- They **speak** Russian at work.

We use the present tense:

- **2. For facts.**
- A cat **has** four legs.
- We **come** from Russia.
- Plants give us oxygen.

Affirmative sentence

| Subject | Verb | Rest of the sentence |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| I, We, You, They | Verb(Present) | Rest of the sentence. |
| He, She, It | Verb -e(s)(Present) | Rest of the sentence. |

Negative sentence

| Subject | Auxiliary | Verb | Rest of the sentence |
|------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| I, We, You, They | do + not | Verb(Present) | Rest of the sentence. |
| He, She, It | does + not | Verb(Present) | Rest of the sentence. |

Yes /No type question.

| Auxiliary | Subject | Verb | Rest of the sentence |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Do | I, We, You, They | Verb(Present) | Rest of the sentence. |
| Does | He, She, It | Verb(Present) | Rest of the sentence. |

Questions.

| Question Word | Auxiliary | Subject | Verb | Rest of the sentence |
|---------------|-----------|------------------|------|-----------------------|
| QW | Do | I, We, You, They | Verb | Rest of the sentence. |
| QW | Does | He, She, It | Verb | Rest of the sentence. |

The spelling for the verb in the third person differs depending on the ending of that verb:

For verbs that end in **-O**, **-CH**, **-SH**, **-SS**, **-X**, or **-Z** we add **-ES** in the third person.

- go – goes
- catch – catches
- wash – washes
- kiss – kisses
- fix – fixes
- buzz – buzzes

For verbs that end in a **consonant + Y**, we remove the **Y** and add **-IES**.

- marry – marries
- study – studies
- carry – carries
- worry – worries

**NOTE: For verbs that end in a vowel + Y,
we just add -S.**

- play – plays
- enjoy – enjoys
- say – says

Fill in the blanks with "don't" or "doesn't" to complete the sentences.

- **DON'T or DOESN'T**
- Clark and Sam ____ play volleyball. They usually play basketball.
- Joe ____ ride a motorbike. He always rides his bike.
- Mr. Tamper ____ work in an office. He works in factory.
- David ____ sell vegetables and fruit. He sells meat and chicken.

Fill in the blanks with "don't" or "doesn't" to complete the sentences.

- Mr. Brown ____ have a kitten. He has a pet dog.
- The children ____ swim on Sundays. They go fishing.
- Joseph ____ get up early at the weekend. He gets up late.
- These girls ____ play leapfrog at school. They play hopscotch.
- Harry ____ eat healthy food. He always eats fast food.

Fill in the blanks with "don't" or "doesn't" to complete the sentences.

- Those boys ___ go to school on Saturdays. They visit the museum.
- Jenny and Sandra ___ go to the library after school.
- Peter ___ do his homework. He always plays computer games.
- Tom and Jack ___ go walking. They go running every day.

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE CORRECT FORMS OF THE VERBS FROM THE BOX ABOVE

- a. get up
- b. have lunch
- c. get on
- d. ride a bicycle
- e. get dressed
- f. walk to school
- g. take a shower

- h. feed the dog
- i. go shopping
- j. fight
- k. do housework

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE CORRECT FORMS OF THE VERBS
FROM THE BOX ABOVE

- 1. Mr. and Mrs. Maddox usually _____ at the weekend. They buy everything they need.
- 2. Peter _____ the school bus at 8:15 every morning.
- 3. Jack _____ for the school before breakfast. He wears trousers and a jumper.
- 4. Jane and Marilyn _____ every Sunday. Jane usually sweeps the floor and dusts the furniture.
- 5. Joseph _____ in the school canteen every day. He usually eats a hamburger.
- 6. Thomas _____ for 30 minutes in his bathroom every afternoon.

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE CORRECT FORMS OF THE VERBS
FROM THE BOX ABOVE

- 7. Greg _____ every morning between 8:00 and 9:00. He loves cycling.
- 8. Mark and Adward sometimes _____ each other at school and their teacher gets angry with them.
- 9. Mr. Potter _____ before he goes to work every morning. He likes his pet very much.
- 10. I always _____ early in the morning.
- 11. Adam _____ every day because he doesn't have a bike.

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE CORRECT FORMS OF THE VERBS FROM THE BOX ABOVE

- 1. Mr. and Mrs Maddox usually **go shopping** at the weekend. They buy everything they need.
- 2. Peter **gets on** the school bus at 8:15 every morning.
- 3. Jack **gets dressed** for the school before breakfast. He wears trousers and a jumper.
- 4. Jane and Marilyn **do the housework** every Sunday. Jane usually sweeps the floor and dusts the furniture.
- 5. Joseph **has lunch** in the school canteen every day. He usually eats a hamburger.
- 6. Thomas **takes a shower** for 30 minutes in his bathroom every afternoon. 7. Greg **rides a bicycle** every morning between 8:00 and 9:00. He loves cycling.
- 8. Mark and Edward sometimes **fight** each other at school and their teacher gets angry with them.
- 9. Mr. Potter **feeds the dog** before he goes to work every morning. He likes his pet very much.
- 10. I always **get up early** in the morning.
- 11. Adam **walks to school** every day because he doesn't have a bike.

MATCH THE VERBS WITH THE CORRECT PICTURES

- a. get up
- b. have lunch
- c. have lessons
- d. get on
- e. play baseball
- f. go to the cinema
- g. ride a bicycle



MATCH THE VERBS WITH THE CORRECT PICTURES

- h. brush teeth
- i. play basketball
- j. feed the dog
- k. go shopping
- l. get dressed
- m. listen to music



Write the 3rd person singular of the following verbs.

- He _____ in an office. (**work**)
- She _____ French. (**study**)
- Maria _____ her exams. (**pass**)
- She _____ her homework. (**do**)
- Fred _____ a black car. (**have**)
- I play chess very badly, **your sister** _____ very well. (**play**)
- **The chef** _____ the flour with the water. (**mix**)