### Third person singular

We add **-s** to the verb to form the third person singular (he, she, it).

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**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

### 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

**Afirmative**
- 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

### 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 |

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 love but he rides his motorbike.

At the weekend, Mr Letty doesn't work.

He goes. He walks the countryside, so he always rides to his country house with his wife. Mr and Mrs Letty fish in the river and they jog 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

   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________

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.