

Simple Present Tense Verbs

When to use the simple present

- Regularly occurring eventsEX: He eats lunch at 2:30 every day.
General facts.....EX: A whale swims thousands of miles.
Constant statesEX: I am a short person.
EX: I work at Palomar.
Current descriptions.....EX: She is not in the kitchen.
Scheduled future events.....EX: My flight is tomorrow.

Use “---s” or “---es” with 3rd person singular subject

I	walk	We	walk
You	walk	You(all)	walk
He/she/it	walk<u>s</u>	They	walk

I	fax	We	fax
You	fax	You(all)	fax
He/she/it	fax<u>es</u>	They	fax

---es or ---s endings ?

---es

Add to verbs that end in a vowel or certain consonants:

do does
teach teaches

*Usually used with endings of a “hissing” sound: ch, sh, s, x, or z

---s

Add to verbs that end with all other consonants:

talk talks
think thinks

---y endings

For verb endings with a consonant and “y,” add “es.”

“Study” ends with consonant d + y =

Change “y” to “i,” then add “es”He studies for his exam.

For verb endings with a vowel and “y,” add “s.”

“Play” ends with a vowel a + y = add “s” only

He plays with the ball.

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Helping Verbs

Do not use “---s” or “---es” with helping verbs:

Correct: He can take the dog for a walk.

Incorrect:: He can takes the dog for a walk.

Correct: The program will bring in a lot of new people.

Incorrect: The program will brings in a lot of new people.

Correct: She likes peanut brittle.

Incorrect: She does likes peanut brittle.

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Common Adverbs of Frequency

They sometimes go to the movies.

I always brush my teeth.

We never go to the pool.

It usually begins at five in the evening.

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Do not use ---ing or “to be”

*I am talking to him every day.

- I talk to him every day.

- I am talking to him right now.

*He is study with a partner.

- He usually studies with a partner

- He is studying with a partner right now.

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If....then statements for the future

Use simple present in the conditional clause to refer to a future event

Use will + verb in the main clause:

Example: If we want to go somewhere after the movie, then we will go to the 24 hour cafe.

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Future Time Clauses

After/when/before/as soon as/before/until

I will buy the tickets when I have money.

Or: When I have money, I will buy the tickets.

I will buy the tickets when I will have money.

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A. Fill in the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Jack is a truck driver. He _____ (drive) hundreds of kilometers every day.
He _____ (love) his work. When he _____ (drive), he
_____ (listen) to the radio.
2. Tom and Rom _____ (like) to read books. Rom _____ (like)
historical novels, but Tom _____ (prefer) science fiction. They never
_____ (go) to the same movies, either. Rom _____ (insist) on
love stories, and she always _____ (enjoy) them, but her brother
_____ (find) them boring.
3. Sharon _____ (study) medicine at the university.
4. Kim always _____ (do) her homework.
5. They rarely _____ (drink) coffee before they go to sleep.
6. Roni and Vika _____ (have) a dog.
7. Vika and I should _____ (do) our homework together.
8. Sara _____ (pass) our house on her way to school.
9. Our cat can _____ (eat) a lot of fish.
10. Mike is very handy. He _____ (fix) everything.

B. Write the third person singular of the following verbs.

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| 1. brush _____ | 2. come _____ |
| 3. do _____ | 4. drink _____ |
| 5. eat _____ | 6. get up _____ |
| 7. go _____ | 8. have _____ |
| 9. leave _____ | 10. play _____ |
| 11. put on _____ | 12. read _____ |
| 13. try _____ | 14. walk _____ |
| 15. wash _____ | 16. watch _____ |
| 17. dress _____ | 18. smile _____ |
| 19. teach _____ | 20. cry _____ |

C. Complete the passage with the correct form of the verbs.

Amit _____ (get up) at 7.00 and _____ (go) into the bathroom to wash. He _____ (wash) his face and _____ (brush) his teeth. Then he _____ (put on) his clothes. Amit's mother and father _____ (have) coffee in the morning, but Amit _____ (drink) orange juice. At 7.45, Amit _____ (leave) his house and _____ (walk) to the bus-stop. He _____ (try) not to be late for school. Amit _____ (come) home from school at 2.00 in the afternoon. He _____ (eat) lunch and _____ (do) his homework. Then he _____ (watch) television, _____ (read) a book, or _____ (play) with his friends.