



# SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE EXPLANATION WITH EXAMPLES



Affirmative	Interrogative
I work you work he works she works it works we work you work they work	Do I work? Do you work? Does he work? Does she work? Does it work? Do we work? Do you work? Do they work?
Negative	Negative
Long-form  I do not work you do not work he does not work she does not work it does not work we do not work you do not work they do not work	Short-form  I don't work you don't work he doesn't work she doesn't work it doesn't work we don't work you don't work they don't work

## Form

- We form the present simple with the subject (noun or personal pronoun) and the verb.

## Affirmative

- The third person singular takes **-s** or **-es** in the affirmative.

## Negative

- We use **subject + don't + main verb** in all persons in the negative except the third person singular. We use **subject + doesn't + main verb** in this person.

I **don't** play, he **doesn't** play.

## Interrogative

We use **do + subject + verb** in all persons except for the third person singular.  
We use **does + subject + verb** in this person.

**Do you like** football? **Does he like** tennis?



## Spelling: 3rd person singular affirmative

- Most verbs take **-s** in the third person singular.

I work - he works

- Verbs ending in **-ss, -sh, -ch, -x** or **-o** take **-es**.

I go - he goes

- Verbs ending in a consonant + **y** drop **-y** and take **-ies**.

I fly - he flies

- Verbs ending in a vowel + **y** take **-s**. I play - he plays

I play - he plays



## Pronunciation

**-s** or **-es** in the third person singular is pronounced:

- **/s/** with verbs ending in **/f/, /k/, /p/** or **M** sounds. he sits
- **/ɪz/** with verbs ending in **/s/, /ʃ/, /tʃ/, /dʒ/** or **/z/** sounds. he watches
- **/z/** with verbs ending in **all other sounds**. he plays

## Use

We use the present simple for:

- **daily routines, repeated actions** or **habits**

I **get up** at seven every day.

- **permanent states**

I **live** in London.





# Time Expressions

- **Time expressions** used with the present simple: **every hour/ day/week/month /summer/year etc, usually, always, every morning/evening/afternoon/night, in the morning/afternoon/evening/night, at night, etc.**

# Short Answers

Do you...?	Yes, I do./Yes, we do. No, I don't./No, we don't.
Does he/she/it...?	Yes, he/she/it does.No, he/she/it doesn't.
Do they ...?	Yes, they do. No, they don't.

- In short answers we use **"Yes" or "No"** the subject pronoun and **do/don't** or **does/doesn't**.

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