

# I do/work/like, etc. (simple present)

We **read** a lot.



They have a lot of books.

They **read** a lot.

I like ice cream.



He's eating an ice cream cone.

He **likes** ice cream.

They **read** / **he likes** / **I work**, etc. = the *simple present*:

I/we/you/they	<b>read</b>	<b>like</b>	<b>work</b>	<b>live</b>	<b>watch</b>	<b>do</b>	<b>have</b>
he/she/it	<b>reads</b>	<b>likes</b>	<b>works</b>	<b>lives</b>	<b>watches</b>	<b>does</b>	<b>has</b>

Remember:

**he works** / **she lives** / **it rains**, etc.

- I **work** in an office. **My brother works** in a bank. (not My brother work)
- Emily lives** in Houston. **Her parents live** in Chicago.
- It rains** a lot in the winter.

**I have** → he/she/it **has**:

- John has** lunch at home every day.

For spelling, see Appendix 5.

-es after -s / -sh / -ch:	pass → passes	finish → finishes	watch → watches
-y → -ies:	study → studies	try → tries	
also:	do → does	go → goes	

## B

We use the *simple present* for things that are true in general, or for things that happen sometimes or all the time:

- I **like** big cities.
- Your English is good. You **speak** very well.
- Tom **works** very hard. He **starts** at 7:30 and **finishes** at 8:00 at night.
- The earth **goes** around the sun.
- We **do** a lot of different things in our free time.
- It **costs** a lot of money to build a hospital.

## C

**always/never/often/usually/sometimes + simple present**

- Sue **always gets** to work early. (not Sue gets always)
- I **never eat** breakfast. (not I eat never)
- We **often sleep** late on weekends.
- Mark **usually plays** tennis on Sundays.
- I **sometimes walk** to work, but not very often.

# Exercises

## 5.1 Write these verbs with **-s** or **-es**.

1 (read) she **reads** 3 (fly) it ..... 5 (have) she .....  
 2 (think) he ..... 4 (dance) he ..... 6 (finish) it .....

## 5.2 Complete the sentences about the people in the pictures. Use:

**eat** **go** **live** **-play-** **play** **sleep**



1 **He plays** ..... the piano. 4 ..... tennis.  
 2 They ..... in a very big house. 5 ..... to the movies a lot.  
 3 ..... a lot of fruit. 6 ..... seven hours a night.

## 5.3 Complete the sentences. Use:

**boil** **close** **cost** **cost** **like** **like** **meet** **open** **-speak-** **teach** **wash**

1 Maria **speaks** four languages.  
 2 Banks usually ..... at 9:00 in the morning.  
 3 The art museum ..... at 5:00 in the afternoon.  
 4 Jessica is a teacher. She ..... math to young children.  
 5 My job is very interesting. I ..... a lot of people.  
 6 Mike's car is always dirty. He never ..... it.  
 7 Food is expensive. It ..... a lot of money.  
 8 Shoes are expensive. They ..... a lot of money.  
 9 Water ..... at 100 degrees Celsius.  
 10 Julia and I are good friends. I ..... her, and she ..... me.

## 5.4 Write sentences from these words. Use the right form of the verb (**arrive** or **arrives**, etc.).

1 (always / early / Sue / arrive) **Sue always arrives early.**  
 2 (to the movies / never / I / go) I .....  
 3 (work / Hannah / hard / always) .....  
 4 (like / chocolate / children / usually) .....  
 5 (Julia / parties / enjoy / always) .....  
 6 (often / people's names / I / forget) .....  
 7 (TV / Nick / watch / never) .....  
 8 (usually / dinner / we / have / at 6:30) .....  
 9 (Jenn / always / nice clothes / wear) .....

## 5.5 Write sentences about yourself. Use **always/never/often/usually/sometimes**.

1 (watch TV in the evening) **I usually watch TV in the evening.**  
 2 (read in bed) I .....  
 3 (get up before 7:00) .....  
 4 (go to work/school by bus) .....  
 5 (drink coffee in the morning) .....