

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



They have a lot of books.
They **read** a lot.



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	read	like	work	live	watch	do	have
he/she/it	reads	likes	works	lives	watches	does	has

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

Unit
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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)