



PRESENT SIMPLE – Third Person Singular Verb Endings

Most Third Person Singular (he/she/it) present simple verbs add **'-s'** as in the examples below:

I work.
You work.
He **works**.
She **works**.
It **works**.
We work.
They work.



However, note the following exceptions in which **'-es'** is added:

- Verbs ending in **'-tch'** – He **watches** TV.
- Verbs ending in **'-ch'** – She **teaches** English.
- Verbs ending in **'-sh'** – He **washes** his clothes.
- Verbs ending in **'-ss'** – She **misses** her friends.
- Verbs ending in **'-o'** – He **goes** to school.
- Verbs ending in **'-x'** – She **fixes** bicycles.



With verbs that end in **'-y'**, change the **'y'** to **'i'** before adding **'-es'**.

- He **hurries** to work. / She **studies** English. / He **worries** too much.

For verbs that end in **'-y'**, and are preceded by a vowel (a,e,i,o,u) , do **NOT** change the **'y'** to **'i'**.

- She **plays** soccer. / He **buys** lunch.

Do **NOT** change Third Person Singular present simple verbs in the following cases:

Questions

- Does she work? / Does he watch TV? / Where does she teach?

Negative sentences

- She doesn't work. / He doesn't watch TV.

Modals

- She can fix bicycles. / He should go to school. / She must study.



IRREGULAR VERBS

be verb: 'He is' / 'She is' / 'It is'

have: 'She has' [NOT 'She haves'], etc.



- **Editing Practice:** Correct the 12 verb forms below (the first one is done for you).

My Brother's Daily Routine

My brother always ^Sget up at 6:00 am, and then wash his face, and brush his teeth. After breakfast, he go to college at 7:00 am. He study history and English and he always pass his exams with an A+ grade! Then, he hurry back home at around 4:00 pm and do his homework before he has dinner at 6:30 pm, and then he watch TV in the evenings. In his free time he play tennis and read magazines. He also has a part-time job two days a week: he teach English and Spanish at a local college!

[100 words]