




# THE PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE

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Form	Structure	Example	Notes on s/-es usage
Usage	We use the present simple tense to talk about habits, routines, general truths, and facts that are always or regularly true.		
 Positive	Subject + base verb (+ <b>s/es</b> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• He plays football every weekend.</li><li>• I play football every weekend.</li><li>• I washes my hair regularly.</li><li>• She studies Anthropology at the University of Cambridge.</li><li>• He goes to school by bus.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Add -s to most verbs with he/she/it.</li><li>➤ Add -es to verbs ending in -ch, -sh, -ss, -x, -o → watches, washes, passes, fixes, goes.</li><li>➤ Change -y to -ies if the verb ends in a consonant + y → study → studies.</li></ul>
 Negative	Subject + do/does + <b>not</b> + base verb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• She does not like vegetables.</li></ul>	No -s/-es on the verb! Use do/does + base verb.
 Question	Do/Does + subject + base verb?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do you like vegetables?</li><li>• Does she like vegetables?</li></ul>	No -s/-es on the verb! Use do/does + base verb.