



Present Simple With Other Verbs - Explanation

When to Use the Present Simple (Other Verbs)

- **General truths/facts:** *Water boils at 100°C.*
- **Habits/routines:** *They play tennis every Sunday.*
- **Permanent or long-term situations:** *I live in London.*
- **Scheduled or timetabled events:** *The train leaves at 9 AM every morning.*

Examples:

- **I** walk to school every day.
- **You** study English in the evenings.
- **He** watches TV after dinner.
- **She** goes to the gym on weekends.
- **We** travel abroad every summer.
- **They** start work at 9 AM.

Spelling Differences in the Third Person Singular

When using **he**, **she**, or **it**, the verb in the Present Simple often changes spelling:

1. **Add -s** to most verbs:
 - *He **plays** football.*
 - *She **eats** breakfast at 7 AM.*
2. **Add -es** to verbs ending in **-ch**, **-sh**, **-ss**, **-x**, or **-o**:
 - *He **watches** TV every night.*
 - *She **goes** to school.*
 - *It **finishes** at 5 PM.*
3. **Change -y to -ies** when the verb ends in a consonant + "y":
 - *He **tries** hard. (try → tries)*
 - *She **studies** biology. (study → studies)*
4. **Have → has**:
 - *He **has** a new car.*
 - *She **has** two brothers.*

Summary

Pronoun	Normally (Add -s)	Finishing in "s, sh, ch, x, z, o" (Add -es)	Finishing in Consonant + y (Drop the -y and add -ies)	The verb "Have" (Change to "has")
I You We They	Play	Watch	Study	Have
He She It	Plays	Watches	Studies	Has

Examples:

1. He **kisses** his mother before going to school.
2. She **fixes** the computer easily.
3. He **carries** heavy boxes to the attic.
4. My cat **goes** outside every morning.
5. She **has** two dogs and a cat.

Practice Exercises

Fill in the blanks with the **correct Present Simple form** of the verb in parentheses.

1. I _____ (go) to the gym every Monday.
2. They _____ (study) English in the evening.
3. He _____ (play) video games on weekends.
4. My sister _____ (watch) cartoons in the morning.
5. We _____ (take) the bus to work every day.

Answer Key

1. I **go** to the gym every Monday.
2. They **study** English in the evening.
3. He **plays** video games on weekends.
4. My sister **watches** cartoons in the morning.
5. We **take** the bus to work every day.

Negative Form: “Don’t / Doesn’t”

- **Structure: Subject + do/does + not + base form**
 - **I/You/We/They → don’t**
 - *I don’t eat meat.*
 - *We don’t travel in winter.*
 - **He/She/It → doesn’t**
 - *He doesn’t watch TV in the morning.*
 - *She doesn’t have a smartphone.*

Fill in the blanks with don’t/doesn’t + base form of the verb.

1. I _____ (not/eat) breakfast every morning.
2. She _____ (not/live) in London.
3. They _____ (not/like) horror movies.
4. It _____ (not/close) at 5 PM on Fridays.
5. He _____ (not/have) a pet.

Answer Key

1. I **don’t eat** breakfast every morning.
2. She **doesn’t live** in London.
3. They **don’t like** horror movies.
4. It **doesn’t close** at 5 PM on Fridays.
5. He **doesn’t have** a pet.

Questions and Short Answers

1. Yes/No Questions

- **Do + subject + base form?**
 - *Do you speak English?*
 - **Short Answers:** *Yes, I do. / No, I don’t.*
- **Does + subject + base form?**
 - *Does he work here?*
 - **Short Answers:** *Yes, he does. / No, he doesn’t.*

2. Wh- Questions

- **Wh- word + do/does + subject + base form?**

- *Where do they live? → They live in Canada.*
- *What does she do after work? → She usually goes jogging.*

Fill in the blanks with **do/does + base form**. Then provide **Short Answers** (Yes/No) in the blanks.

1. _____ you _____ (like) classical music?
○ Yes, I _____. / No, I _____.
2. _____ he _____ (study) German?
○ Yes, he _____. / No, he _____.
3. _____ they _____ (play) basketball?
○ Yes, they _____. / No, they _____.
4. _____ she _____ (eat) fish?
○ Yes, she _____. / No, she _____.
5. _____ it _____ (rain) a lot here?
○ Yes, it _____. / No, it _____.

Answer Key

1. **Do you like** classical music? **Yes, I do.** / **No, I don't.**
2. **Does he study** German? **Yes, he does.** / **No, he doesn't.**
3. **Do they play** basketball? **Yes, they do.** / **No, they don't.**
4. **Does she eat** fish? **Yes, she does.** / **No, she doesn't.**
5. **Does it rain** a lot here? **Yes, it does.** / **No, it doesn't.**

Use the Present Simple for these typical, routine, factual, or scheduled actions. Remember to use **-s / -es / -ies / has** in the third person singular forms and **do/does** (and their negatives **don't/doesn't**) for questions and negative statements.