

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

A



They're looking at their books.
They **read** a lot.



He's eating an ice-cream.
He **likes** ice-cream.

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

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 a shop. **My brother works** in a bank. (not 'My brother work')
- **Linda lives** in London. **Her parents live** in Scotland.
- **It rains** a lot in winter.

I **have** → he/she/it **has**:

- **John has** a shower every day.

Spelling (⇒ 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 present simple for things that are true in general, or for things that happen sometimes or all the time:

- I **like** big cities.
- The shops **open** at 9 o'clock and **close** at 5.30.
- Tim **works** very hard. He **starts** at 7.30 and **finishes** at 8 o'clock in the evening.
- The Earth **goes** round the Sun.
- We **do** a lot of different things in our free time.
- It **costs** a lot of money to stay at luxury hotels.

C

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

- Sue **always arrives** at work early. (not 'Sue arrives always')
- I **usually go** to work by car but sometimes I **walk**. (not 'I go usually')
- Julia **never eats** breakfast.
- Tom lives near us. We **often see** him.

I don't ... (negative) ⇒ UNIT 6 Do you ... ? (questions) ⇒ UNIT 7 I am doing and I do ⇒ UNIT 8
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EXERCISES

5.1 Write these verbs + -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 these verbs:

eat go live play play sleep



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

5.3 Complete the sentences. Use these verbs:

boil close cost cost like like meet open speak teach wash

- 1 Margaret **speaks** four languages.
2 In Britain the banks usually at 9.30 in the morning.
3 The City Museum at 5 o'clock in the evening.
4 Tina is a teacher. She mathematics to young children.
5 My job is very interesting. I a lot of people.
6 Peter his hair twice a week.
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. Put the verb in the right form (**arrive** or **arrives** etc.).

- 1 (always / early / Sue / arrive) Sue always arrives early.
2 (basketball / I / play / often) I
3 (work / Margaret / hard / usually)
4 (Jenny / always / nice clothes / wear)
5 (dinner / we / have / always / at 7.30)
6 (television / Tim / watch / never)
7 (like / chocolate / children / usually)
8 (Julia / parties / enjoy / always)

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

- 1 (watch television) I never watch television. / I usually watch television in the evening. (etc.)
2 (read in bed) I
3 (get up before 7 o'clock)
4 (go to work/school by bus)
5 (drink coffee)