

Simple Present: Spelling Rules

The simple present tense is used when talking about *origins*, (*general*) *truths*, *customs* and (*repeated*) *actions*. When used in the third person an s is added to the base verb.

Uses

- add -es when a verb ends in -o
- add -es when a verb ends in -s
- add -es when a verb ends in -x
- add -es when a verb ends in -ch
- add -es when a verb ends in -sh
- change consonant + -y to -ies
- for regular verbs just add -s

Example

- He does his homework at 5pm.
- She kisses her dad.
- A mechanic fixes cars.
- A baseball player catches baseballs.
- She pushes him.
- A good boy always tries.
- She plays with her doll.

A. Conjugate the verbs

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| 1. play | <u>plays</u> | 9. miss | _____ | 17. stand | _____ |
| 2. swim | _____ | 10. take | _____ | 18. mix | _____ |
| 3. fix | _____ | 11. listen | _____ | 19. close | _____ |
| 4. pass | _____ | 12. ask | _____ | 20. study | _____ |
| 5. go | _____ | 13. catch | _____ | 21. push | _____ |
| 6. watch | _____ | 14. speak | _____ | 22. wish | _____ |
| 7. write | _____ | 15. shout | _____ | 23. try | _____ |
| 8. dry | _____ | 16. push | _____ | 24. open | _____ |

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B. Circle the correct verb.

1. He wakes / wake up at 7 o'clock.
2. I go / goes to work by train.
3. Jill and I read / reads books after school.
4. You watch / watches cartoons on television.
5. She take / takes a bus to school.
6. Hyun-Jin teach / teaches French and Spanish.
7. Roberto study / studies German literature.
8. Haruki and Kenji write / writes books.
9. I miss / misses my mother and father.
10. I wish / wishes I did not have homework.

C. Make statements.

1. (they/swim/river) They swim in the river.
2. (he/take bus/school) _____
3. (I/fix computers/everyday) _____
4. (she/study Russian/university) _____
5. (it/play/park) _____
6. (we/type letters/work) _____
7. (you/learn grammar/class) _____