

Grammar Study:

Present Simple



We use the present simple:

- ✓ To refer to habits or to things which happen repeatedly.
- ✓ To refer to permanent situations.
- ✓ To talk about general statements of truth.



Form:

✓ *Affirmative* .

He / She / It *plays* .

I / You / We / They *play* .

✓ *Negative* .

He / She / It *doesn't* play .

I / You / We / They *don't* play .



✓ *Interrogative:*

Does He / She / It play ?

Do I / You / We / They play?

✓ *Short forms:*

Does not = Doesn't

Do not = don't



✓ How to make he / she / it forms:

General rule

It takes *-s*.

Example:

Play → Plays.



With verbs ending in :o, s, x, sh or ch:

It takes *-es*.

Example:

Teach → *Teaches*.



With verbs ending in vowel + y:

It takes *-s*.

Example:

Play → Plays.



With verbs ending in consonant + y:

It changes *-y* into *-l* and takes *-es*.

Example:

Study → *Studies*.



✓ Note that:

Adverbs of frequency like **usually**, **sometimes**, **almost**, **never**, etc, are used to express how often things happen.

They come:

- **Before the verb**. For example: I **usually** go to school by bus.
- **After the verb To Be**. For example: She is **often** with her friends at weekends.

