

## Simple Present: Affirmative Form

**FORM:**

<b>I play</b>	<b>We play</b>
<b>You play</b>	<b>You play</b>
<b>He plays</b>	<b>They play</b>
<b>She plays</b>	
<b>It plays</b>	

**EXCEPT:** “to be” and “to have”

**Remember:**

**HE**

**SHE** + base verb and “s” or “es”

**IT**

**USE:** The **Simple Present** tense is used:

- To talk about habits and routines.  
E.g. *Our classes start at 9:00 a.m.*  
*Debora goes to school five days a week.*
- To make statements about things that always happen or things that are always true.  
E.g. *The sun rises in the east.*  
*Brazilians speak Portuguese.*
- With **frequency expressions**. They tell how often we do something. They can come at the end or at the beginning of a sentence. Frequency expressions are:

every morning, every day, every winter, all the time, once a week.

E.g. *I go swimming once a week.*  
*Every winter we go skating at the rink in the park.*

- With **time expressions**. They tell when we do something. They usually come at the end of a sentence. Example of time expressions are:

Monday, in the morning, in May, in 1998, in the summer, at 10:00, at night, on  
on June 20<sup>th</sup>, on the weekend.

E.g. *I visit my grandmother on the weekend.*

*We go to yoga class on Tuesdays.*

*Choose the correct word given in parentheses to complete the story.*

I \_\_\_\_\_ (want, wants) you to meet my friend Trevor and his wife,

Janet. They \_\_\_\_\_ (live, lives) in the city.

Trevor \_\_\_\_\_ (like, likes) the city because his apartment is close to his  
job. Trevor \_\_\_\_\_ (walk, walks) to work every morning.

He \_\_\_\_\_ (work, works) in the building across the street from his  
apartment. In the winter, Trevor \_\_\_\_\_ (go, goes) to work

without getting cold. He just \_\_\_\_\_ (walk, walks) through a tunnel that  
\_\_\_\_\_ (go, goes) between the two buildings.

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Janet, Trevor's wife, \_\_\_\_\_ (think, thinks) the city is all right, but she \_\_\_\_\_ (prefer, prefers) the country.

Janet \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy, enjoys) camping in the mountains. Every summer, they \_\_\_\_\_ (camp, camps) in Montana for two weeks. Trevor always \_\_\_\_\_ (complain, complains) about the mosquitoes.

He \_\_\_\_\_ (hate, hates) mosquitoes.

Personally, I \_\_\_\_\_ (want, wants) to live in the country, but I'm like Trevor. I \_\_\_\_\_ (work, works) in the city.

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*Fill in the blanks using the correct verb from the list below. Use each verb only once.*

<b>arrive</b>	<b>work</b>	<b>walk</b>	<b>carry</b>	<b>learn</b>	<b>try</b>
<b>eat</b>	<b>sing</b>	<b>prepare</b>	<b>run</b>	<b>watch</b>	<b>play</b>

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ our lunch at the office everyday.
2. George always \_\_\_\_\_ to the bakery to buy bread.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ to arrive at work on time.
4. Bill \_\_\_\_\_ late for class.
5. The grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ the children after school.
6. Nancy usually \_\_\_\_\_ the baby on her back.
7. Greg \_\_\_\_\_ university football.
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ Judo on the weekends.
9. The boy \_\_\_\_\_ after the ball.
10. The students \_\_\_\_\_ very hard.
11. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ many exercises.
12. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ that song all the time.

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*Fill in the blanks with the correct verb.*

1. (to smoke) John \_\_\_\_\_ too many cigarettes.
2. (to drive) He \_\_\_\_\_ a truck.
3. (to play) Henry and Sam \_\_\_\_\_ tennis.
4. (to open) The teacher always \_\_\_\_\_ the windows before the class.
5. (to eat) We \_\_\_\_\_ pizza on Saturdays.
6. (to try) Mary \_\_\_\_\_ to speak English.
7. (to read) I \_\_\_\_\_ a book every week.
8. (to teach) Mr. and Mrs. Vergas \_\_\_\_\_ languages.
9. (to go) George always \_\_\_\_\_ to the movies alone.
10. (to like) My sister \_\_\_\_\_ to catch butterflies.