

## The Simple Present Tense

We use the simple present tense for an action which goes on every/all the time. The simple present has the same form as the infinitive with **I/ you/ we/ they** but with **he/ she/ it** we add **s**. **ex:** I work. She works.

### Spelling Notes

1. Verbs ending with **ss, sh, ch, x** and **o** we add **es**, instead of **s** alone, like:

I rush          he **rushes**

I watch        he **watches**

I go            he **goes**

2. When **y** follows a consonant we change the **y** to **i** and we add **es**.

I carry        he **carries**

3. But verbs ending in **y** follows a vowel obey the usual rule.

I obey        he **obeys**          I say          he **says**

### Auxiliaries

| To be       |     | To do       |      | To have     |      |
|-------------|-----|-------------|------|-------------|------|
| I           | am  | I           | do   | I           | have |
| You         | are | You         | do   | You         | have |
| He/ she/ it | is  | He/ she/ it | does | He/ she/ it | has  |
| We          | are | We          | do   | We          | have |
| They        | are | They        | do   | They        | have |

### The Simple Present Forms

1. **The affirmative form** of the present simple tense is formed with Subject + Verb + rest of the sentence, for instance, He speaks English, I speak English.

2. **The negative form** of the present simple tense is formed with **Subject+ do not/ does not (don't/ doesn't) + verb (stem) + rest of the sentence**, for instance, He doesn't speak English, I don't speak English.

3. **The interrogative form** of the present simple tense is formed with **do/ does + subject + verb (stem) + RS?** , for instance, Do I speak English? Does he speak English?

4. **The negative interrogative form** of the present simple tense is formed with **don't/ doesn't + subject + verb (stem) + RS?** , for instance, Don't I speak English? Doesn't he speak English?

## The Simple Present Use

### 1. To show a habit

We drink coffee every morning.

### 2. To express a general truth

Water boils at 100 degrees.

### 3. To express an action with a future time experience

I leave tomorrow.

**Task:** Put the verbs between brackets in the present simple tense.

1. We ..... (buy) a newspaper every Sunday.
2. He ..... (not/lie) to his mother?
3. She ..... (not/visit) her father.
4. My sister..... (work) at the theater.
5. The boss ..... (give) us a lot of work to do.
6. Marry and Jane ..... (not/play) fairly.
7. The earth ..... (go) round the sun.
8. They ..... (spend) a lot of money.
9. The sun ..... ( rise) from the east.
10. You ..... (like) to read comic books?