

## *The present simple tense*

### *1. Form of the Present Simple:*

<i>Form</i>	<i>Structure</i>	<i>Example</i>
<b>Affirmative</b>	Subject+ <b>base</b> verb (+s/ es / ies <b>for</b> he,she,it )	<b>He</b> tells the truth.
<b>Negative</b>	Subject + <b>don't/ doesn't</b> + base verb.	<b>She</b> doesn't lie / they don't cheat.
<b>Question</b>	<b>Do /Does</b> + subject + base verb+?	<b>Do</b> you help your friends? <b>Does</b> he respect others?

### *Simple present spelling Rules for –s endings:*

- Add **–s** to most verbs : he works , she helps, it rains.
- Add **–es** to verbs ending in **–o,–sh,–ch,–ss,–x** : go/goes, wash/washes, fix/fixes.
- Change **–y** to **ies** if a verb **ends in a consonant +y** : study/studies, try/tries.

### *2. Uses of the Present Simple:* we use the present simple to explain or describe:

- ❖ **Habits and Daily Routines:** We use it to talk about actions we do **regularly** or as part of a routine.

**Example:** They follow the school rules every day

- ❖ **Permanent Situations:** We use it for things that are always true or usually true, not just now.

**Example:** They work in a university that values fairness.

- ❖ **General Facts and Truths:** We use it for statements that are always true or accepted as facts.

**Example:** the Earth revolves around the Sun.

- ❖ **Feelings:** we use it to express our feelings and emotions.

**Example:** I like people who speak politely.

### **Pronunciation of the final “S”:**

The “S “at the end of a word can be pronounced in three (3) different ways: S, Z or IZ according to the last consonant before it.

#### **1. First case /S/:**

It is pronounced “ S “ if it follows one of these letters : **F,T,p,k,th,gh,ph**. For example:  
Likes - Mouths – stops –laughs –treats.

#### **2. Second case /Z/:**

It is pronounced “Z “ if it follows one of these letters :**b,d,g,l,m,n,r,v,w,y,the+Vowels**  
For example: Cars – robes – learns – loves – windows.

#### **3. Third case /IZ/:**

It is pronounced “IZ “ if it follows one of these letters :**C, ch,sh,s,ss,x,ge,dge,z**.  
For example: boxes – watches – presses – changes – bridges.

### ***Practice:***

***Circle the correct form of the verb to complete each sentence.***

1. Doctor Moffett love / loves his job.
2. He study / studies ants.
3. A salesperson sell / sells products for a company.
4. You and Anita work / works on weekends.
5. Nurses help / helps people.
6. We write / writes science books.
7. Our office close / closes at 7:00 p.m.
8. She take / takes classes at the business school.
9. You walk / walks to work every day.
10. I start / starts work at 8:00 a.m. every morning