

## Statements with Regular Verbs

**Rules:** We use the Simple Present for habits (I brush my teeth every morning.) and facts (The earth is round.).

**Key Words:** every, always, usually, often, sometimes, rarely, seldom, and never.

**You must add “s” to the third person singular: He, She, and It.**

I	<b>work</b>	all the time.
You	<b>work</b>	all the time.
He	<b>works</b>	all the time.
She	<b>works</b>	all the time.
It	<b>works</b>	all the time.
We	<b>work</b>	all the time.
They	<b>work</b>	all the time.

### Third Person Singular Spelling Rules:

- Add **-s** to most verbs.
  - Sits, visits, shops, etc.
- Add **-s** when the verb ends in -e
  - Leaves, hopes, writes, etc.
- Add **-es** when the verb ends in -ch, -sh, -s, -x, or -z
  - Watches, washes, misses, boxes, buzzes, etc.
- When the verb ends in a **consonant (b,c,d,f, etc.) + -y**, **change the -y to 'i' and add -es**.
  - Studies, worries, embodies, etc.
- When the verb ends in a **vowel (a,e,i,o,u) + -y**, add an **-s**. (Do not change the -y to -i.)
  - **Plays, stays, buys**, etc.

The following exercise will practice these spelling rules in the simple present tense. Write the correct form of the simple present tense verb in parentheses in the blank provided.

#### Example:

My son always **crosses** (cross) the street with a safety guard when he goes to school.

1. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a nap every afternoon. (habit)
2. I sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a nap at the same time 😊 (habit)
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV after dinner every evening. (habit)
4. My son \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) his favorite show every evening after dinner. (habit)
5. It \_\_\_\_\_ (snow) a lot in Northern Michigan. (fact)

6. Bad storms \_\_\_\_\_(happen) several times a year. (fact)
7. My husband and I sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ (try) new recipes. (habit)
8. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to speak English. (habit)
9. I am very healthy. I never \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) a cold. (fact)
10. My brother always \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) colds. (fact)
11. The students \_\_\_\_\_(study) at the library every night. (habit)
12. The student \_\_\_\_\_ (study) at the library every night. (habit)
13. He \_\_\_\_\_ (hate) rude behavior. (habit/feeling)
14. I \_\_\_\_\_ (play) tennis after school. (habit)
15. Joshua \_\_\_\_\_ (play) tennis in the morning. (habit)
16. She never \_\_\_\_\_ (pass) me in the hall without saying hello. (habit)
17. You always \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) the dishes. (habit)
18. My daughter \_\_\_\_\_(wash) the dishes every evening. (habit)
19. We \_\_\_\_\_ (worry) about our daughter all the time. (habit)
20. Our daughter never \_\_\_\_\_ (worry) about us. (habit)
21. My boyfriend always \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) for dinner when we go out. (habit)
22. ComputerWorks \_\_\_\_\_ (fix) my computer when it \_\_\_\_\_ (crash). (fact)
23. The earth \_\_\_\_\_ (revolve) around the sun.

**Answers:** 1. takes 2. take 3. watch 4. watches 5. snows 6. happen 7. try 8. tries 9. catch 10. catches  
 11. study 12. studies 13. hates 14. play 15. plays 16. passes 17. wash 18. washes 19. worry  
 20. worries 21. pays 22. fixes / crashes 23. revolves