

PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE

DESCRIBING HABITS

AFFIRMATIVE FORM

- STRUCTURE:

SUBJECT + VERB (* “s” 3rd p.s.) + COPLEMENT

* Los verbos que acompañan a un sujeto en 3^a persona singular (He, She, It, Otros,...), añaden una “s” o “es” dependiendo de su grafia.

- ORTHOGRAPHIC RULES for the “s” with the 3rd person:

- The general rule is just to add an “s”.

Examples: help – helps, live – lives, look- looks

- The verbs which end in *ss*, *x*, *sh*, *ch*, add and **es** and this is pronounced /iz/

Examples: miss – misses, mix- mixes, brush-brushes, catch/catches.

- The verbs *do* and *go* add an **es** too; it's pronounced /Z/

Examples: do- does, go-goes

- The verbs ending in consonant+**y**, change **y** for **i** and add **es**

Examples: dry- dries, hurry-hurries

- Those verbs ending in vowel + **y** follow the general rule, that is, they add just an **s** and they will be pronounced /z/.

Examples: play- plays, say-says

SENTENCE EXAMPLES

I study English at school

She goes to the office from Monday to Friday.

They play football on Saturdays

NEGATIVE FORM

- STRUCTURE:

SUBJECT+ **DON'T** +**VERB** + COMPLEMENT
 DOESN'T(3rd p.s.) **INFV.**

SENTENCE EXAMPLES:

He **doesn't** **eat** in the office.

You **don't** **go** to the cinema on Friday.

It **doesn't** **rain** much.

INTERROGATIVE FORM

- **STRUCTURE:**

(Wh-QW)+ **DO** + SUBJECT + **VERB** + COMPLEMENT?
DOES (3rd p.s.) **INFV.**

- **SHORT ANSWERS:**

YES, I **DO**/ SHE **DOES**

NO, I **DON'T**/ SHE **DOESN'T**

SENTENCE EXAMPLES:

Where **do** you **eat** at home or in the office?

Does she **go** to the office on Saturday?

Do they **play** tennis with you?

FREQUENCY ADVERBS

ALWAYS	SIEMPRE
USUALLY	NORMALMENTE
OFTEN	FRECUENTEMENTE
SOMETIMES	A VECES
HARDLY EVER	CASI NUNCA
NEVER	NUNCA

- These adverbs are always written before the verb except with the verb BE.

Examples:

She **never** eats at home

They are **always** in the office.

Do you **often** go to the cinema on Sunday?

TIME PHRASES

- On the contrary, these time phrases, also for Present Simple, must be written at the end of sentences:

**Once a day, week, ... (una vez por dia, ...);
Twice (dos veces), Three times (tres veces),
everyday (todos los dias), every
week, month, ... (todas las semanas)**

Examples:

I do homework **everyday**.

She goes to the supermarket **once a week**