

# Singular Nouns and the Simple Present Tense

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## Sample Sentences

- 1 Broccoli contains a lot of vitamins.
- 2 She listens to her messages before lunch.
- 3 Elena babysits her little brother on Tuesdays while her mother goes to yoga class.
- 4 My cousin believes in UFOs.

## Simple Present Tense

The simple present tense has two forms: the base form and the *-s* form.

Subject	Verb
I You We They	read.
He/She/It	reads.

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- Singular means "one." A singular noun is one of something: a book, Wendy Brown, the school, Miami.
- In the simple present, use the *-s* form of the verb when the subject is a singular noun or *he, she, or it*. This is called the "third-person singular."

## Spelling Changes in the Simple Present Tense

- When the base form of the verb ends in *s, sh, ch, or x*, add *-es*.
- When the base form of the verb ends in a consonant + *y*, change the *y* to *i* and add *-es*.
- Add *-es* to *go* and *do*.
- *Have* is irregular. The *-s* form of *have* is *has*.

Base Form	<i>-s</i> Form
kiss	kisses
catch	catches
fix	fixes
cry	cries
go	goes
have	has

**Collaborate** Work with your partner to complete the sentences using the simple present tense form of each verb and original content.

- ① make In our class, \_\_\_\_\_ is the student who \_\_\_\_\_ everyone laugh.
- ② go/listen During lunch, \_\_\_\_\_, the principal of our school, \_\_\_\_\_ to the nurse's office and \_\_\_\_\_ to hip-hop music.
- ③ try/act A good student always \_\_\_\_\_ his or her best and \_\_\_\_\_ respectfully.
- ④ mix Leo often \_\_\_\_\_ together condiments like \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and eats them with french fries.
- ⑤ have At least one student in this class \_\_\_\_\_ a problem understanding \_\_\_\_\_.

**Your Turn** Work independently to complete the sentences using the simple present tense form of each verb.

- ① watch Every night, Kayla \_\_\_\_\_ about three hours of TV.
- ② want He \_\_\_\_\_ his parents to buy a new car.
- ③ pass/say When she \_\_\_\_\_ me in the hall, she never \_\_\_\_\_ anything.
- ④ go/do My sister \_\_\_\_\_ into the bathroom every morning and \_\_\_\_\_ her hair for about an hour!
- ⑤ think/crush He \_\_\_\_\_ he's so strong when he \_\_\_\_\_ a soda can.