

# I do/work/like etc. (present simple)

A



They're looking at their books.  
They **read** a lot.



He's eating an ice-cream.  
He **likes** ice-cream.

They **read** / he **likes** / I **work** etc. = the *present simple*:

I/we/you/they	<b>read</b>	<b>like</b>	<b>work</b>	<b>live</b>	<b>watch</b>	<b>do</b>	<b>have</b>
he/she/it	reads	likes	works	lives	watches	does	has

Remember:

**he works** / **she lives** / **it rains** etc.

- **I work** in a shop. **My brother works** in a bank. (*not* 'My brother work')
- **Linda lives** in London. **Her parents live** in Scotland.
- **It rains** a lot in winter.

**I have** → he/she/it **has**:

- **John has** a shower every day.

*Spelling* (⇒ Appendix 5):

- es after -s / -sh / -ch: pass → passes    finish → finishes    watch → watches
- y → -ies: study → studies    try → tries
- also: do → does    go → goes

B

We use the present simple for things that are true in general, or for things that happen sometimes or all the time:

- I **like** big cities.
- The shops **open** at 9 o'clock and **close** at 5.30.
- Tim **works** very hard. He **starts** at 7.30 and **finishes** at 8 o'clock in the evening.
- The Earth **goes** round the Sun.
- We **do** a lot of different things in our free time.
- It **costs** a lot of money to stay at luxury hotels.

C

**always/never/often/sometimes/usually** + present simple

- Sue **always arrives** at work early. (*not* 'Sue arrives always')
- I **usually go** to work by car but sometimes I **walk**. (*not* 'I go usually')
- Julia **never eats** breakfast.
- Tom lives near us. We **often see** him.

**I don't ...** (negative) ⇒ UNIT 6    **Do you ... ?** (questions) ⇒ UNIT 7    **I am doing and I do** ⇒ UNIT 8

**always/usually/often** etc. (word order) ⇒ UNIT 93

EXERCISES

5.1 Write these verbs + -s or -es.

- 1 (read) she reads      3 (fly) it .....      5 (have) she .....
- 2 (think) he .....      4 (dance) he .....      6 (finish) it .....

5.2 Complete the sentences about the people in the pictures. Use these verbs:

eat go live play play sleep



- 1 He plays the piano.      4 ..... tennis.
- 2 They ..... in a very big house.      5 ..... to the cinema a lot.
- 3 ..... a lot of fruit.      6 ..... eight hours a night.

5.3 Complete the sentences. Use these verbs:

boil close cost cost like like meet open speak teach wash

- Margaret speaks four languages.
- In Britain the banks usually ..... at 9.30 in the morning.
- The City Museum ..... at 5 o'clock in the evening.
- Tina is a teacher. She ..... mathematics to young children.
- My job is very interesting. I ..... a lot of people.
- Peter ..... his hair twice a week.
- Food is expensive. It ..... a lot of money.
- Shoes are expensive. They ..... a lot of money.
- Water ..... at 100 degrees Celsius.
- Julia and I are good friends. I ..... her and she ..... me.

5.4 Write sentences from these words. Put the verb in the right form (arrive or arrives etc.).

- (always / early / Sue / arrive) Sue always arrives early.
- (basketball / I / play / often) I .....
- (work / Margaret / hard / usually) .....
- (Jenny / always / nice clothes / wear) .....
- (dinner / we / have / always / at 7.30) .....
- (television / Tim / watch / never) .....
- (like / chocolate / children / usually) .....
- (Julia / parties / enjoy / always) .....

5.5 Write sentences about yourself. Use **always/never/often/sometimes/usually**.

- (watch television) I never watch television. / I usually watch television in the evening. (etc.)
- (read in bed) I .....
- (get up before 7 o'clock) .....
- (go to work/school by bus) .....
- (drink coffee) .....