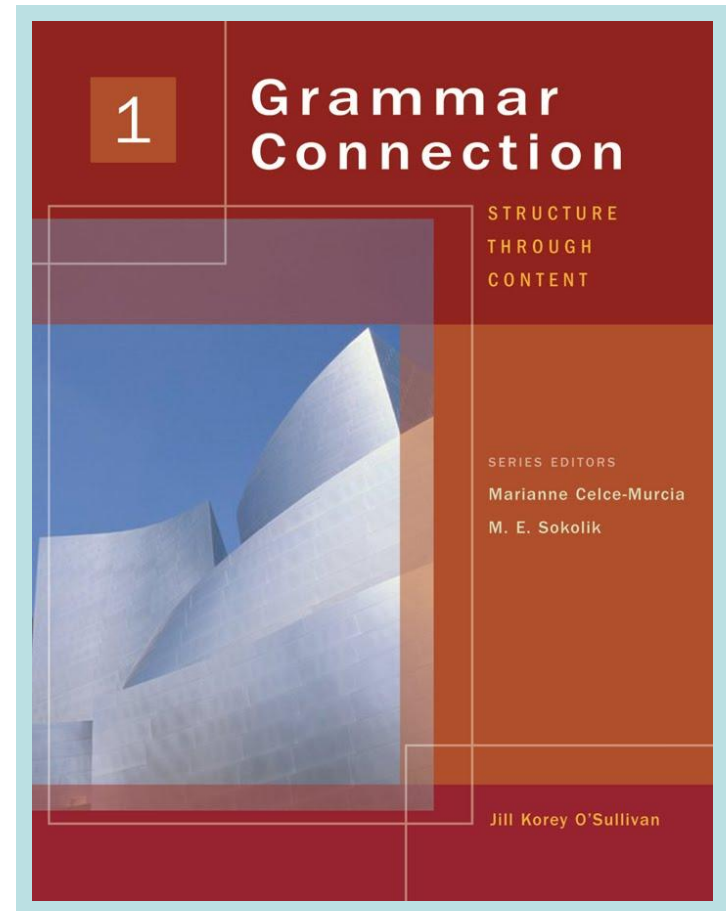


Science: The Brain



Lesson Plan

- The Simple Present Tense
- Spelling and Pronouncing the Third Person Forms
- The Negative Present Tense



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Read about Steve.



It is a nice day. I study, but it is hard. I smell the flowers outside. I see the sunshine and hear people laughing outside.

The Simple Present Tense



Complete the chart.

Subject	<i>verb</i>	
I You* We They	see	the sun.
He She	smells	the coffee.
It	weighs	three pounds.

**You* is either singular or plural.



The simple present tense is used:

1. to talk about things that happen often.

I go home after work. I eat dinner at 6:30.

2. to talk about things that are true.

I study hard. A gallon of milk weighs about 8 pounds.

Also note:

Add **-s** or **-es** to the third-person singular form only.

He sees Marita. It weighs three pounds.

These words have irregular forms:

go/goes, do/does, have/has

She goes to the movies. He has chocolate.

Exercise A



**If you think the sentence is correct, raise your hand.
If it is wrong, write it correctly in your notes.**

1. She eat bananas.

Answers:

1. eats

2. I has a dream.

2. have

3. He does his homework at night.

3. Correct!

Third-Person Forms

Complete the chart.

Base form	<i>spelling with he, she or it</i>	rule
see	sees	Most verbs: Add -s
teach	teaches	Verbs that end in <i>sh</i>, <i>ch</i>, <i>x</i>, <i>z</i> or <i>ss</i>: Add -es
study	studies	Verbs that end in consonant + <i>y</i>: Change <i>y</i> to <i>i</i> and add -es

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Read about Diane.



She **sees** my question.

She **teaches** us.

She **studies** hard.

Pronunciation Notes



Pronouncing the third-person Forms:

Verbs that end in	pronounce the third-person -s
the sounds <i>f, k, p, or t</i>	/s/ as in “eats”
the sounds <i>b, d, g, l, m, n, ng, r, v, y, a, e, i, o, u</i>	/z/ as in “lives”
<i>ss, sh, ch, ce, se, ge, or x</i>	/əz/ as in “teaches”

Exercise B



Use the verbs to create a sentence about yourself or your partner. Then, say it aloud to the class.

1. watch
2. speak
3. brush
4. try
5. live
6. teach
7. study

Examples:

I brush my teeth at night.

My partner studies hard.

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Read about Steve and his friend.



I sit indoors.
I don't like my work.
But, I also don't like
bad grades. My friend
is an artist. He
doesn't mind bad
grades. We don't
think alike.

The Negative Present Tense

Complete the chart and include contractions for each.

Subject	<i>be</i>	
I You* We They	do not see (don't)	the sun.
He She	does not smell (doesn't)	the coffee.
It	does not weigh (doesn't)	three pounds.

Don't is the contraction of *do not*.

Doesn't is the contraction of *does not*. **You* is either singular or plural.

Exercise C



**If you think the sentence is correct, raise your hand.
If it is wrong, write it correctly in your notes.**

1. She doesn't eat bananas.

2. I don't has a dream.

3. He don't do his homework at night.

Answers:

1. Correct!

2. have

3. doesn't

Exercise D



Write some sentences about what you and your partner do and do not do.

1. speak
2. study
3. eat
4. plan
5. understand

Example:

I don't understand difficult math problems.

My partner does understand difficult math problems.

Review



Subject	<i>be</i>	
I You* We They	<i>see</i> <i>don't see</i>	the sun.
He She	<i>smells</i> <i>doesn't smell</i>	the coffee.
It	<i>weighs</i> <i>doesn't weigh</i>	three pounds.

Base form	<i>spelling with he, she or it</i>	
see	<i>sees</i>	
teach	<i>teaches</i>	
study	<i>studies</i>	

**You* is either singular or plural.