

Grammar Study:

Present Simple



We use the present simple:

- ✓ To refer to habits or to things which happen repeatedly.
- ✓ To refer to permanent situations
- ✓ To talk about general statements of truth.



Form:

✓ Affirmative .

He / She / It **plays** .

I / You / We / They **play** .

✓ Negative.

He / She / It **doesn't** play .

I / You / We / They **don't** play .



✓ Interrogative:

Does He / She / It play ?

Do I / You / We / They play?

✓ Short forms:

Does not = Doesn't

Do not = don't



✓ How to make he / she / it forms:

General rule

It takes **-s**.

Example:

Play → Plays**s**.



With verbs ending in :o, s, x, sh or
ch:

It takes - **es** .

Example:

Teach → Teach**es**.



With verbs ending in vowel + y:

It takes - s .

Example:

Play → Plays.



With verbs ending in consonant +
y:

It changes **-y** into **-i** and takes
-es.

Example:

Study → Stud**ies**.



✓ Note that:

Adverbs of frequency like **usually**, **sometimes**, **almost**, **never**, etc, are used to express how often things happen.

They come:

- **Before the verb.** For example: I **usually** go to school by bus.
- **After the verb To Be.** For example: She is **often** with her friends at weekends.

