

Present Tense Language

What are you doing?

We use present tense language to talk about what we're doing **now**. We use present tense language often in our writing when pretending to be a character in a story. This term we used present tense language when writing the ending to Beowulf and Grendel's battle.

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Simple Present Tense

We use the simple present tense when we are writing about something that is **repeated**, is **always true** or is **happening in a future time**.

Repeated

Eva wakes up at half past seven every morning.

I walk to school.

I ride my bike every weekend.

Always or generally true

The sun sets in the west.

I speak French.

They live in a city.

Happening in a future time

The bus leaves at 9 o'clock.

The film starts at half past three.

The Rules

Each pronoun we use need to have the correct verb to join with it.

I am

I am at school.

You are

You are my friend.

He / She /

It is

He/she/it is behind you!

We are

We are on the bus.

You are

You are going home.

They are

They are all asleep.

The Rules - For all

When we are using a verb to describe what it is we are doing, the same rule applies. We have to make sure the verb makes sense with the pronoun.

Do these sound right?

I rans to the shop.
You sings in music.
He / She / It jump over the hill.
We claps along with the song.
You draws a picture.
They eats their breakfast.

Or are these better?

I ran to the shop.
You sing in music.
He / She / It jumps over the hill.
We clap along with the song.
You draw a picture.
They eat their breakfast.

Did you notice that it only makes sense to add an 's' onto the end of our verb when we're using the pronoun he, she or it? But wait! There's more!

The Rules - He, she and it

The spelling of the verb depends on the ending of the verb.
Verbs ending in:

-o, -ch, -sh, -ss, -s, -x or -z

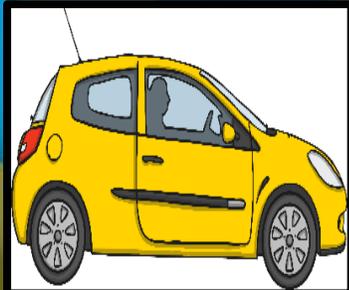


You need to add -es as your suffix.



Fix

He **fixes**
the car.



Go

She **goes** to
the shop.



Buzz

It **buzzes**
it's wings.

The Rules - He, she and it

The spelling of the verb depends on the ending of the verb.
Verbs ending in:

Consonants (b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, z) and -y



You need to remove the -y and add -ies



Carry

He carries
the boat
with him.



Cry

He cries
when he's
sad.



Tidy

He tidies
his clothes
away.

The Rules - He, she and it

The spelling of the verb depends on the ending of the verb.
Verbs ending in:

Vowels (a, e, i, o and u) and -y



You just simply add -s as your suffix on the end.



Say

She says
her story
to us.



Play

He plays
with his
brother.



Buy

She buys
food from
the shops.

All muddled up!

These sentences are all muddled up! See if you can put them in the right order to make our present tense sentences correct!

joke. funny laugh a They at

teeth her She brushes a twice day.

speaks He French home. at