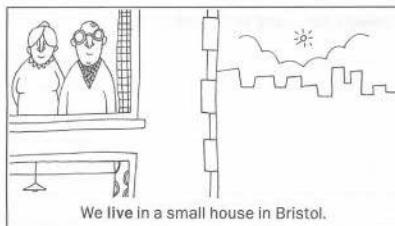


**1 You use the present simple:**

- a to talk about things that are always true:  
It gets cold in winter here. Water boils at 100 degrees.  
February is the shortest month.
- b with words like *never/sometimes/often/always* or *time expressions like every day/at the weekend* to talk about regular and repeated actions, and habits:  
We often go to the cinema on Fridays.  
My parents *never* eat meat. I *get up late* at the weekend.
- c to talk about general facts about our lives:



I read the newspaper every day.



We live in a small house in Bristol.



I wear a jacket and tie to work, and jeans when I am at home.

**2 The form of the verb changes with he/she/it:**

- I **work** from 9 to 5.  
You **work** very hard.  
She **works** in the supermarket on Saturday.  
He **works** for my father in our office.  
We **work** for the new company in the centre of town.  
They **work** in uniform.  
She **enjoys** English classes. He's a student, he **reads** a lot.

My father sometimes **smokes** a pipe. It **smells** awful!**3 With verbs that end in -o/-s/-ch/-sh the form is -es:**

- He **goes** out every weekend. She **watches** a lot of TV.  
The film **finishes** at 9.30 tonight.  
He **does** everything for his children.

**4 With verbs that end in consonant + y, the he/she/it form is -ies:**

- study – He **studies** languages at university.  
fly – The plane **flies** twice a week.

**BUT:** I **play** – he **plays** I **buy** – she **buys**

**Note: have – has:**

- They **have** everything you want in that shop.  
She **has** a house in St James' Square.

He **stops** and **has** a cup of coffee at eleven o'clock.

**A Complete these sentences with:**

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- I \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of friends in London.
- My son \_\_\_\_\_ in Los Angeles, so I \_\_\_\_\_ there every year to see him.
- Most people \_\_\_\_\_ going on holiday.
- The new BMW sports car \_\_\_\_\_ a top speed of 220 km per hour.
- The sun \_\_\_\_\_ down in the west.
- The Smiths are very kind. They \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of work for people in hospital.
- He's so clever! He always \_\_\_\_\_ well in exams.
- More than 11 million people \_\_\_\_\_ in Tokyo.



- My neighbour \_\_\_\_\_ rock music, unfortunately.

**B Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verb in (brackets):**

- Tony is a great reader. He \_\_\_\_\_ lots of books. (read)
- Pat's favourite music is reggae. He \_\_\_\_\_ to it all the time. (listen)
- My father is a businessman in an international company. He \_\_\_\_\_ all over the world. (travel)
- The Strongs are farmers. They \_\_\_\_\_ in the country. (live)
- I have a friend called Fabrice. He \_\_\_\_\_ from France. (come)
- The hotels here are very expensive. The rooms \_\_\_\_\_ a lot! (cost)
- My mother is good at languages. She \_\_\_\_\_ French, German, Russian and Arabic. (speak)
- Andrea is a tourist guide. She \_\_\_\_\_ everything about the history of the city. (know)

**C Give your answers to these questions:**

- I always get up before seven o'clock, but Steve normally gets up late.  
And you?
- Steve goes to bed late. I normally go to bed before midnight.  
And you?
- I play sports every day. Steve never plays sport.  
And you?
- Steve visits his friends in the evening. I usually visit my friends at the weekend.  
And you?
- I like classical music and blues. Steve likes rock and roll.  
And you?



- Steve wears jeans every day.  
I wear smart clothes.  
And you?