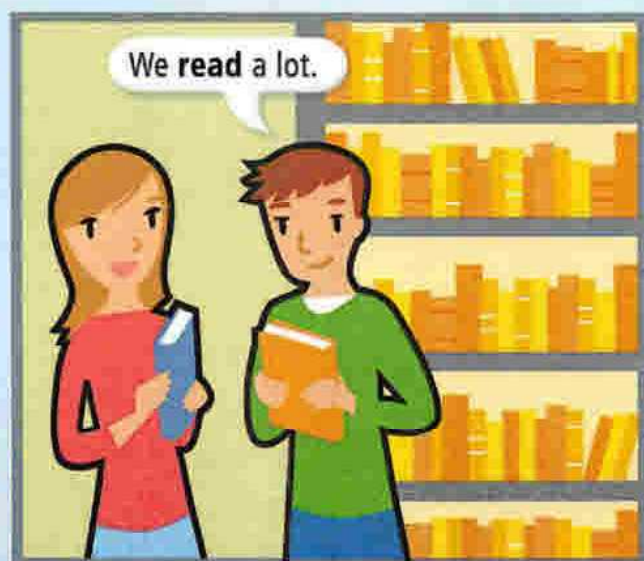


# I do/work/like, etc. (simple present)

A



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



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

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

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	<b>reads</b>	<b>likes</b>	<b>works</b>	<b>lives</b>	<b>watches</b>	<b>does</b>	<b>has</b>

Remember:

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

- **I work** in an office. **My brother works** in a bank. (*not* My brother work)
- **Lucy lives** in Houston. **Her parents live** in Chicago.
- **It rains** a lot in the winter.

I **have** → he/she/it **has**:

- **John has** lunch at home every day.

For spelling, see 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 simple present for things that are true in general, or for things that happen sometimes or all the time:

- I **like** big cities.
- Your English is good. You **speak** very well.
- Tim **works** very hard. He **starts** at 7:30 and **finishes** at 8:00 at night.
- The earth **goes** around the sun.
- We **do** a lot of different things in our free time.
- It **costs** a lot of money to build a hospital.

C

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

- Sue **always gets** to work early. (*not* Sue gets always)
- I **never eat** breakfast. (*not* I eat never)
- We **often sleep** late on weekends.
- Mark **usually plays** tennis on Sundays.
- I **sometimes walk** to work, but not very often.

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 95**

## 5.1 Write these verbs with -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:

eat   go   live   ~~play~~   play   sleep



1. He plays the piano.      4. \_\_\_\_\_ tennis.  
 2. They \_\_\_\_\_ in a very big house.      5. \_\_\_\_\_ to the movies a lot.  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of fruit.      6. \_\_\_\_\_ seven hours a night.

## 5.3 Complete the sentences. Use:

boil   close   cost   cost   like   like   meet   open   ~~speaks~~   teach   wash

- Maria speaks four languages.
- Banks usually \_\_\_\_\_ at 9:00 in the morning.
- The art museum \_\_\_\_\_ at 5:00 in the afternoon.
- Tina is a teacher. She \_\_\_\_\_ math to young children.
- My job is very interesting. I \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of people.
- Peter's car is always dirty. He never \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- 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. Use the right form of the verb (arrive or arrives, etc.).

- (always / early / Sue / arrive) Sue always arrives early.
- (to the movies / never / I / go) \_\_\_\_\_
- (work / Martina / hard / always) \_\_\_\_\_
- (like / chocolate / children / usually) \_\_\_\_\_
- (Julia / parties / enjoy / always) \_\_\_\_\_
- (often / people's names / I / forget) \_\_\_\_\_
- (television / Tim / watch / never) \_\_\_\_\_
- (usually / dinner / we / have / at 6:30) \_\_\_\_\_
- (Jenny / always / nice clothes / wear) \_\_\_\_\_

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

- (watch TV in the evening) I usually watch TV in the evening.
- (read in bed) I \_\_\_\_\_
- (get up before 7:00) \_\_\_\_\_
- (go to work/school by bus) \_\_\_\_\_
- (drink coffee in the morning) \_\_\_\_\_