

## The Simple present tense

### Spelling rules of the third person singular

1. Normally, we add **S** to the end of the verb in the 3rd person (He, She, It).

Verb	3rd Person
talk	Talks
stay	Stays
Give	Gives
like	Likes

- He **talks** fast.
- She usually **stays** up late.
- My dog **likes** my son.

2. If the verb ends in **SS, X, CH, SH** or the letter **O**, we add + **es** in the third person. (He, She, It)

Verb	3rd Person
miss	misses
mix	Mixes
match	matches
wash	washes
Go	Goes

- She **misses** her school days.
- The chef **mixes** the ingredients.
- The cleaner **washes** the dishes.

3. If the verb ends in a **Consonant + Y**, we remove the Y and + **ies** in the third person (He, She, it).

Verb	3rd Person
Hurry	Hurries
Study	Studies
Cry	Cries
Deny	Denies

- Ahmad **studies** every morning.
- The baby **cries** all the time.
- The worker **denies** all responsibilities.