

## PRESENT SIMPLE

### 1.) EXPRESSES HABITS, REPEATED ACTIONS

Peter smokes.

Peter goes to church every week.

### 2.) EXPRESSES GENERAL TRUTH, FACTS

The sun rises in the East.

Fish live in water.

### 3.) ACTIONS STAYING IN THE SAME FOR A LONG TIME

I go to school every day.

### 4.) TIMETABLE

The banks open at 9 o'clock.

The train arrives at 6 o'clock.

## SPELLING CHANGES

### 1.) VERBS ENDING IN A CONSONANT PLUS -Y CHANGE INTO -IES

fly - flies

Verbs ending on a vowel plus -y no change.

### 2.) VERBS ENDING IN -S, -SS, -SH, -CH, -X, ADD -ES

kiss - kisses

watch - watches

wash - washes

## PRESENT CONTINUOUS

1.) EXPRESS AN ACTION GOING ON AT THE  
MOMENT OF SPEAKING / NOW

I am writing a letter now.

2.) FUTURE ARRANGEMENT

He is playing tennis tomorrow.

I am going out tonight.

3.) EXPRESS AN ACTIVITY GOING ON AROUND  
THE PRESENT WHICH IS TIME-LIMITED AND  
TEMPERARY

I usually go to work by car, but this week I am  
taking the bus.

He lives in London, but this months he is staying  
here.

4.) EXPRESS SPEAKER'S ANNOYANCE

He is always living things around.

## SPELLING CHANGES

1.) THE NORMAL RULE IS TO ADD -ING TO  
THE BASE OF THE VERB

go - going, wear - wearing, visit - visiting, eat -  
eating

2.) VERBS THAT END IN ONE -E LOSE THE -E  
smoke - smoking, come - coming, hope - hoping,  
BUT VERBS THAT END IN -EE DON'T LOSE AN  
-E

agree - agreeing, see - seeing

3.) IN VERBS OF ONE SYLLABLE, WITH ONE  
VOWEL AND ONE CONSONANT, THE  
CONSONANT IS DOUBLED

stop - stopping, get - getting, run - running  
BUT THE FINAL CONSONANT IS -Y OR -W, IT  
IS NOT DOUBLED

play - playing, show - showing