

PRESENT SIMPLE SPELLING RULES

Remember the verbs in the third person singular (**he, she** and **it**) always take an **"s"**.

- **-s** in most cases:

work → she/he **works**

- **-es** when a verb ends with:

-o	do	she/he does
-ss	miss	she/he misses
-x	mix	she/he mixes
-ch	catch	she/he catches
-sh	push	she/he pushes

- **consonant + -y** turns into **-ies**

fly → she/he **flies**

- **vowel + -y** takes **-s**

buy → she/he **buys**



ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY

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%	Adverb of Frequency	Example
100%	Always	I always study after class
90%	Usually	I usually walk to work
80%	Normally / Generally	I normally get good marks
70%	Often / Frequently	I often read in bed at night
50%	Sometimes	I sometimes sing in the shower
30%	Occasionally	I occasionally go to bed late
10%	Seldom	I seldom put salt on my food
5%	Hardly ever / Rarely	I hardly ever get angry
0%	Never	Vegetarians never eat meat
Subject + Adverb + Main Verb		Subject + BE + Adverb
Daniel always passes his exams.		He is always happy.

- An adverb of frequency goes before a main verb.

Subject + adverb + main verb

I **always** remember to do my homework.

He **normally** gets good marks in exams.

- An adverb of frequency goes after the verb To Be. (**is, am, are**)

Subject + to be + adverb

They **are** **never** pleased to see me.

She **isn't** **usually** bad tempered.



PRESENT CONTINUOUS SPELLING RULES

- The general rule is: **the verb + -ing**:

work → **working**

enjoy → **enjoying**

- If a **one syllable** verb ends in **consonant + vowel + consonant** **double the final consonant and add '-ing'**:

run → **running**

stop → **stopping**

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- When a verb ends in **silent 'e'**, **the silent 'e' is dropped and '-ing' is added**:

close → **closing**

move → **moving**

- When a verb ends in an **'e' which is not silent**, **the final 'e' is not dropped before the ending '-ing' is added**:

be → **being**

see → **seeing**

