

Present simple (affirmative)

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1 Look at the photo below. Do you know this TV show? Can you name any of the characters?

2 Read the text. Then answer the questions.

- 1 Which characters in the show work together?
- 2 Which characters live together?
- 3 Can you name any other TV shows about friends?

THE BIG BANG THEORY

is a TV comedy about a group of friends in Pasadena, California. Leonard and Sheldon are scientists. They work together and they share a flat too. Two other friends from work, Howard and Raj, often visit them. Penny lives opposite. She works in a restaurant. She likes Leonard and Sheldon, but they are very different from her. A lot of the humour comes from this contrast. It's a simple idea for a show, but millions of people watch and enjoy it every week. Clearly, people love shows about friends!



LEARN THIS! Present simple (affirmative)

We use the present simple to talk about:

- a something that happens regularly, always or never.
- b a fact that is always true.

3 Read the **Learn this!** box. Then complete the table below. The missing words are in the text in exercise 2.

Present simple

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I work.	We work.
You work.	You work.
He / She / It ¹ _____.	They ² _____.

4 Find all the other examples of the present simple in the text in exercise 2. Which ones end in -s? Why?

5 Complete the sentences about *The Big Bang Theory*. Use the present simple affirmative form of the verbs below.

like live visit watch work

- 1 Millions of people _____ the show regularly.
- 2 Sheldon _____ in a flat with Leonard.
- 3 Raj and Howard _____ with Sheldon and Leonard.
- 4 Raj and Howard _____ Sheldon and Leonard regularly.
- 5 In general, people _____ shows about groups of friends.

LOOK OUT!

a Some verbs change spelling when you add -s for the third person singular form.

I go she goes
you watch he watches
they study she studies

b The verb *have* is irregular.

we have it has

6 Read the **Look out!** box. Then complete the text with the present simple affirmative form of the verbs in brackets.

My stepsister Rose is a scientist and she ¹ _____ (love) her job. She ² _____ (work) at a university in California – she ³ _____ (study) stars and black holes. Rose isn't American, but she really ⁴ _____ (like) her life in California. Every weekend, she ⁵ _____ (go) to the beach. She ⁶ _____ (meet) friends there and they ⁷ _____ (go) surfing together. Rose ⁸ _____ (share) an apartment with one of her friends, Madison. Madison ⁹ _____ (work) in a restaurant and she's often at work in the evening. On those evenings, Rose ¹⁰ _____ (watch) DVDs in the apartment or she ¹¹ _____ (have) dinner with friends in town.

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7 **1.14 PRONUNCIATION** Listen and repeat these third person singular verb forms. Pay attention to the sound of the endings.

A: /z/ or /s/ knows loves visits works

B: /ɪz/ finishes washes uses

8 **1.15 PRONUNCIATION** Listen and repeat these third person singular verb forms. Do they have ending A or B?

comes dances goes likes lives shares
teaches watches

9 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Think of a TV show about a group of friends or a family. Tell your partner three facts about the show. Use verbs from this lesson. Can your partner identify it?

The main characters are X and Y ... They live in ...

X loves school and she studies a lot. But Y ...

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- 1 Complete the descriptions using the present simple affirmative form of the verbs in brackets. Can you match each description with a TV show below?

~~3rd Rock from the Sun~~ Friends How I Met Your Mother
The Simpsons Two and a Half Men



1 *3rd Rock from the Sun*

Dick Solomon and his family are not really humans: they _____ (come) from another part of the universe. But they _____ (live) on Earth and _____ (study) humans. Dick _____ (teach) at a university.

2 _____

The children _____ (go) to Springfield Elementary School and their father _____ (work) at a nuclear power plant.

3 _____

Two friends, Joey and Chandler, _____ (share) an apartment. Rachel and Monica _____ (live) in the same block. Monica's brother Ross often _____ (visit) them.

4 _____

Ted Mosby _____ (live) in Manhattan. He _____ (go) out with lots of friends, but he only _____ (meet) his wife in the final series.

5 _____

Charlie Harper _____ (live) in Malibu. His brother, Alan, _____ (come) to live with him and Alan's son _____ (visit) at weekends.

- 2 Write the third person singular forms of the verbs below.

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| 1 enjoy _____ | 5 know _____ |
| 2 have _____ | 6 go _____ |
| 3 finish _____ | 7 use _____ |
| 4 study _____ | 8 watch _____ |

- 3 Complete the sentences with the third person singular forms from exercise 2.

- My uncle is from Paris and he _____ the city really well.
- My brother _____ to a music club every Monday.
- My little sister _____ a computer for her homework.
- This lesson _____ at 3.05 p.m.
- My grandad _____ TV every evening.
- My cousin _____ piano lessons every weekend.
- Our dog really _____ his walks.
- My best friend _____ at university in Istanbul.

- 4 Complete the information with the present simple affirmative forms of the verbs in brackets.

1 I _____ (live) in Montreal with my family. We _____ (speak) French at school, but I _____ (speak) English at home with my family. My mum _____ (work) in a shop and my dad _____ (play) the guitar in a band.

2 I'm from Miami, Florida. I _____ (live) with my parents and my three brothers. My grandma _____ (live) in the same street. She _____ (visit) us every day. She _____ (speak) Spanish.

3 I _____ (live) in Perth, in Australia. In the summer, I _____ (go) to the beach every day and I _____ (swim) in the sea. My brother _____ (love) sport. He _____ (play) cricket for Western Australia juniors.

4 My family and I _____ (live) in Aberdeen, in Scotland. We _____ (speak) English – but my grandad _____ (know) Gaelic too. I _____ (play) the violin in a folk band and my sister _____ (sing). She _____ (dance) too!

5 I _____ (live) in Dublin, in Ireland. School _____ (finish) at three o'clock every day. After school, I _____ (ride) my bike or I _____ (skateboard). Then I _____ (have) dinner with my mum. My dad _____ (work) in a hotel. He _____ (have) dinner at work.

- 5 Write a short message about yourself like the ones in exercise 4. Use verbs from this page.
