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Sentence Skills

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The boy eats ice cream. / A marching band plays music.

the cat plays with a ball. (✕) The cat plays with a ball. (○)

The dog barks at the cat. / Do you like skating? / Wow! Look at that funny cat!

Happy very is the boy. (✕) The boy is very happy. (○)

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Mom baked a cake yesterday. / The cake was delicious. / There is an ant.

There are two cats on the table. / There are three foxes in the boxes. /
Birthday parties are fun.

Which month is your favorite? / April is my favorite month.

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The rabbit eats a carrot. / Mary goes to school every day. /
The baby cries a lot at night.

Do you study English every day? Yes, I do. / Does he like to read comic books?
No, he doesn't.

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I am Gabriel. She is Rachel. / We are girls. You are boys.

Is the weather sunny? Yes, it is. / Are they going to the movies tomorrow? No,
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I am so happy. → I'm so happy. / You are my best friend. → You're my best friend.

What is this? This is a panda. / What are those? Those are bananas.



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I can read. My father teaches me how to read. / May I borrow your computer?

How do you feel? I feel wonderful.
The pink dress is pretty. / Your younger brother is smart.

Matthew is tall. Pedro is taller. Gabriel is the tallest. / Rachel runs the fastest of the three girls.

Andrea puts on her new, long, green silk skirt. She looks at herself in the big round mirror in her bedroom.

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Harry cleans his room. → Harry cleaned his room last Monday. / Bobby tastes the cake. → Bobby tasted the cake this morning.

My sister and I are walking to school now. / My father is washing his car.

It rains a lot during the winter in Taipei. / It is raining in Taipei now.

The boy played in the park last week. / The boy plays in the park. / The boy will play in the park next Monday.

They will be home soon. → They'll be home soon. / He will not go to the movie tonight. → He won't go to the movie tonight.

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He is busy now. → He was busy yesterday. / They are in school. → They were at school yesterday.

Pedro was not on the playground. → Pedro wasn't on the playground. / They were not happy. → They weren't happy.

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Jeremy has a new cell phone. / I also have a new cell phone. / We had an English test yesterday.

Does the restaurant have any good dishes? Yes, it does.

2 Action Verbs and Verb Tense (1)

Action verbs are words or phrases that tell what someone or something does. The tense of a verb tells you when it happens. There are three tenses: **past**, **present**, and **future**.

An action verb in the **present tense** shows an action that happens now, or that happens on a regular basis.



Look at the following examples:

① The cat and the dog **sleep** in the kitchen.

② Maria **plays** in the yard.

③ The apple **drops** on my head.

④ Gabriel **reads** a book every week.

⑤ I **brush** my teeth every morning.

⑥ The tiger **jumps** from behind the tree.

⑦ We **eat** pizza for dinner on Saturdays.

⑧ It **rains** a lot during the winter.



Singular Action Verbs: Simple Present Tense

When the subject of a sentence is singular, you have to use a singular action verb. There are several ways to form a singular action verb.

1 Action word + s.

Plural

climb drink eat kick smile read

Singular

climbs drinks eats kicks smiles reads



Look at the following examples:

① Yuki and Joy **walk** to school.

☞ Yuki **walks** to school. Joy **walks** to school.



② The rabbit **eats** a carrot.

③ The kitten **drinks** milk.

④ Everyone **smiles**.

2 Action Verb + es.

Plural

do go brush wash cross kiss
.....
catch teach watch

Singular

does goes brushes washes crosses kisses
.....
catches teaches watches



Look at the following examples:

① Jacob and Mary **go** to school every day.



Jacob **goes** to school every day.

Mary **goes** to school every day.

② The boy and girl **catch** butterflies in the field.



The girl **catches** butterflies in the field.

③ The two brothers **cross** the street.



The younger brother **crosses** the street.

- 3 Action Verbs that end in **y**.
For singular action verbs that end in **y**, change the **y** to **ie** before adding **s**.

Plural



cry fly fry study try worry

Singular


cries flies fries studies tries worries



Look at the following examples:


- 1 The babies **cry** a lot at night.
 The baby **cries** a lot at night.
- 2 Grandpa and Grandma often **fry** eggs for breakfast.
 Grandma often **fries** eggs for breakfast.



- 3 The students **study** hard for the test.
 John **studies** hard for the test.

Your Turn!

(A) Change the following action verbs into singular forms.

walk  _____ walks _____

climb  _____

clean  _____

pass  _____

bake  _____

cross  _____

try  _____

teach  _____

come  _____

run  _____

(B) Read the following sentences. Fill in each blank with a suitable action verb in the correct form. Use the verbs in the box to help you.

teach study rise brush live stop fly

1 The trains stop at the station.

2 The bird _____ in the sky.

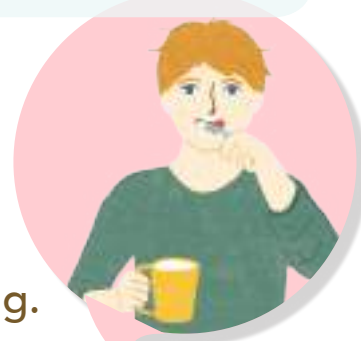
3 The sun _____ in the early morning.

4 Matthew _____ his teeth after he wakes up.

5 They _____ Chinese history in school.

6 The farmer _____ on a big farm.

7 The parents _____ their children how to be good.



Asking and Answering a Yes/ No Question with Action Verbs

One way to ask a yes/ no question with an action verb is to put the verb **do/ does** in front of the sentence. Make sure the subject and the verb **do** or **does** agree with each other.

Question			Answer	
Do	you	action verb (dance/ read/ sing)?	Yes, I/ they/ we do .	
	they		No, I/ they/ we don't .	
	we			
Does	he	action verb (dance/ read/ sing)?	Yes, he/ she/ it does .	
	she		No, he/ she/ it doesn't .	
	it			



Look at the following examples.

① Statement: I **study** English every day.

Question: **Do** you **study** English every day?

Answers: **Yes, I do./ No, I do not (don't).**

② Statement: He **likes** to read comic books.

Question: **Does** he **like** to read comic books?

Answers: **Yes, he does./ No, he does not (doesn't).**

Your Turn!

A Change each of the following sentences into a question by using **do** or **does**.

- ① Mr. James likes to play video games.

Does Mr. James like to play video games?



- ② The two boys camp in the woods.

- ③ Jack plays basketball after school.

- ④ Two plus two equals four.

- ⑤ An airplane travels faster than a train.

- ⑥ The children like to play computer games.

- ⑦ It rains a lot in the summer.

- ⑧ Henry and Daniel like to play basketball after school.

B Answer each of the questions with yes or no.

1 Do you go to school? (Yes)

Yes, I do.

2 Does a cat eat fish? (Yes)

3 Do Joy and Rachel like to eat hamburgers? (No)

4 Do we need to wash our hands? (Yes)

5 Does your father play basketball with you? (No)



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Action Verbs and Verb Tense (1)

C Answer the following questions.

1 Do you like to listen to music?

Yes, I do. I like to listen to music.

2 Does your family live on a farm?

3 Do you watch television every day?

4 Does your father help you with your homework?
