

The Simple Present Tense (Part 3)

- In the third person singular i.e. **he, she** and **it**, for **some** verbs ending in **'y'**, remove the **'y'** and **add 'ies'**.

 **NOTE** : There is a consonant before the **'y'** in each of the verbs below.


Exercise 1.  Now complete the table below. An example has been done for you.

Verb to fly	Verb to cry	Verb to dry	Verb to try	Verb to fry
I fly	I cry	I dry	I try	I fry
You fly	You cry	You dry	You try	You fry
He flies	He cries	He dries	He tries	He fries
She flies	She cries	She dries	She tries	She fries
It flies	It cries	It dries	It tries	It fries
We fly	We cry	We dry	We try	We fry
They fly	They cry	They dry	They try	They fry

Exercise 2.

 Write the following verbs in the **simple present tense**.

- Every morning **it flies** from flower to flower. (to fly)
- He studies** his lessons **regularly**. (to study)
- We never fry** fish in the kitchen. (to fry)
- As usual, you rely** on me. (to rely)
- She dries** herself with a clean towel. (to dry)
- Everyday Ben and Gina fly** their kites. (to fly)
- Judy tries** her best to improve her handwriting.(to try)
- The thief denies** his act of cruelty . (to deny)
- The temperature always varies** . (to vary)
- Flowers beautify** our environment. (to beautify)

 **NOTE** : But when there is a vowel before the 'y', the verbs take 's' in the third person singular.

EXAMPLES: He says She destroys

 **REMEMBER** a , e , i , o and u are vowels

Exercise 3. Now complete the table below. An example has been done for you.

Verb to <u>play</u>	Verb to <u>enjoy</u>	Verb to <u>buy</u>	Verb to <u>stay</u>	Verb to <u>obey</u>
I play	I enjoy	I buy	I stay	I obey
You play	You enjoy	You buy	You stay	You obey
He <u>plays</u>	He <u>enjoys</u>	He <u>buys</u>	He <u>stays</u>	He <u>obeys</u>
She <u>plays</u>	She <u>enjoys</u>	She <u>buys</u>	She <u>stays</u>	She <u>obeys</u>
It <u>plays</u>	It <u>enjoys</u>	It <u>buys</u>	It <u>stays</u>	It <u>obeys</u>
We play	We enjoy	We buy	We stay	We obey
They play	They enjoy	They buy	They stay	They obey

Exercise4.

 Write the following verbs in the **simple present tense**.

- They never obey their elders. (to obey)
- She buys fruits **everyday**. (to buy)
- We always pay visit to our aunt. (to pay)
- On Mondays, he plays hide and seek during recess. (to play)
- Every night, you pray before going to bed. (to pray)
- Pupils enjoy themselves during physical education classes. (to enjoy)
- Seema stays healthy because she eats fruits **regularly**. (to stay)
- My hen lays an egg **every morning** . (to lay)
- This poem conveys a message of peace. (to convey)
- Cyclones destroy the environment . (to destroy)