



Present Simple: Spelling Changes: -s, -es, -ies & Irregulars

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. He ____ TV every evening. (watch)
a) watchs b) watches c) watch d) watching
2. She ____ Math at university. (study)
a) studys b) studies c) studyes d) study
3. He ____ the dishes after dinner. (wash)
a) washs b) washes c) wash d) washing
4. She ____ a lot of water every day. (drink)
a) drink b) drinks c) drinkes d) drinking
5. My brother ____ to work by bus. (go)
a) gos b) goes c) go d) goess
6. She ____ her homework every day. (do)
a) dos b) does c) do d) doess
7. The baby ____ a lot at night. (cry)
a) crys b) cries c) cryes d) cry
8. He ____ tennis every Saturday. (play)
a) plaies b) plays c) playes d) play
9. She ____ three languages. (have)
a) haves b) has c) hases d) have
10. He ____ his class every day. (miss)
a) miss b) misss c) misses d) missing
11. My mother ____ delicious cakes. (make)
a) make b) makes c) makees d) making
12. She ____ the bus to school. (catch)
a) catchs b) catches c) catch d) catching
13. He ____ the broken things at home. (fix)
a) fixs b) fixes c) fix d) fixing
14. She ____ the piano very well. (play)
a) plaies b) plays c) playes d) play
15. The bird ____ over the lake. (fly)
a) flys b) flies c) flyes d) fly

16. He ____ his teeth twice a day. (brush)
a) brushs b) brushes c) brush d) brushing
17. She ____ cooking. (enjoy)
a) enjoies b) enjoys c) enjoyes d) enjoy
18. The teacher ____ the students every week. (quiz)
a) quizzes b) quizzes c) quizes d) quiz
19. He ____ heavy bags to work. (carry)
a) carrys b) carries c) carryes d) carry
20. She ____ English at a language school. (teach)
a) teaches b) teaches c) teach d) teaching



Answers

1. b) watches
2. b) studies
3. b) washes
4. b) drinks
5. b) goes
6. b) does
7. b) cries
8. b) plays
9. b) has
10. c) misses
11. b) makes
12. b) catches
13. b) fixes
14. b) plays
15. b) flies
16. b) brushes
17. b) enjoys
18. b) quizzes
19. b) carries
20. b) teaches



Explanations

1. “watches” (b)

Verbs ending in -ch, -sh, -ss, -x, -o add -es: watch → watches.

2. “studies” (b)

Consonant + y → change y to -ies: study → studies.

3. “washes” (b)

Verbs ending in -sh add -es: wash → washes.

4. “drinks” (b)

Most verbs simply add -s: drink → drinks.

5. “goes” (b)

Verbs ending in -o add -es: go → goes.

6. “does” (b)

Do → does. Verbs ending in -o add -es.

7. “cries” (b)

Consonant + y → change y to -ies: cry → cries.

8. “plays” (b)

Vowel + y → just add -s: play → plays. (ay is vowel + y)

9. “has” (b)

Have is irregular: have → has (not 'haves').

10. “misses” (c)

Verbs ending in -ss add -es: miss → misses.

11. “makes” (b)

Most verbs add -s: make → makes.

12. “catches” (b)

Verbs ending in -ch/-tch add -es: catch → catches.

13. “fixes” (b)

Verbs ending in -x add -es: fix → fixes.

14. “plays” (b)

Vowel + y → just add -s: play → plays.

15. “flies” (b)

Consonant + y → change y to -ies: fly → flies.

16. “brushes” (b)

Verbs ending in -sh add -es: brush → brushes.

17. “enjoys” (b)

Vowel + y → just add -s: enjoy → enjoys. (oy is vowel + y)

18. “quizzes” (b)

Verbs ending in -z double the z and add -es: quiz → quizzes.

19. “carries” (b)

Consonant + y → change y to -ies: carry → carries.

20. “teaches” (b)

Verbs ending in -ch add -es: teach → teaches.