



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) plaiies 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) plaiies 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) brushes b) brushes c) brush d) brushing

17. She ___ cooking. (enjoy)
a) enjoies b) enjoys c) enjoys 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) teachs 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.