



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

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. He ___ TV every evening. (watch)
a) watches
b) watching
c) watchs
d) watch
2. She ___ Math at university. (study)
a) study
b) studys
c) studies
d) studyes
3. He ___ the dishes after dinner. (wash)
a) washs
b) wash
c) washing
d) washes
4. She ___ a lot of water every day. (drink)
a) drinking
b) drinks
c) drinkes
d) drink
5. My brother ___ to work by bus. (go)
a) goes
b) gos
c) goess
d) go
6. She ___ her homework every day. (do)
a) do
b) does
c) dos
d) doess
7. The baby ___ a lot at night. (cry)
a) cries
b) cry
c) crys
d) cryes
8. He ___ tennis every Saturday. (play)
a) playes
b) play
c) plaies
d) plays
9. She ___ three languages. (have)
a) has
b) have
c) hases
d) haves
10. He ___ his class every day. (miss)
a) missing
b) misss
c) miss
d) misses
11. My mother ___ delicious cakes. (make)
a) making
b) makes
c) make
d) makees

12. She ___ the bus to school. (catch)
a) catches
b) catches
c) catching
d) catch
13. He ___ the broken things at home. (fix)
a) fixing
b) fixes
c) fixs
d) fix
14. She ___ the piano very well. (play)
a) playes
b) plaies
c) play
d) plays
15. The bird ___ over the lake. (fly)
a) flys
b) flyes
c) fly
d) flies
16. He ___ his teeth twice a day. (brush)
a) brushing
b) brushes
c) brushes
d) brush
17. She ___ cooking. (enjoy)
a) enjoy
b) enjoyes
c) enjoys
d) enjoies
18. The teacher ___ the students every week. (quiz)
a) quizzes
b) quizzes
c) quiz
d) quizzes
19. He ___ heavy bags to work. (carry)
a) carryes
b) carrys
c) carries
d) carry
20. She ___ English at a language school. (teach)
a) teaches
b) teaching
c) teaches
d) teach



Answers

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



Explanations

1. “watches” (a)

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

2. “studies” (c)

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

3. “washes” (d)

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

4. “drinks” (b)

Most verbs simply add -s: drink → drinks.

5. “goes” (a)

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

6. “does” (b)

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

7. “cries” (a)

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

8. “plays” (d)

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

9. “has” (a)

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

10. “misses” (d)

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

11. “makes” (b)

Most verbs add -s: make → makes.

12. “catches” (a)

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

13. “fixes” (b)

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

14. “plays” (d)

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

15. “flies” (d)

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

16. “brushes” (c)

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

17. “enjoys” (c)

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” (c)

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

20. “teaches” (c)

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