Here are over 100 examples of sentences with verbs in the 3rd person of the Present Simple

– it’ll be fantastic listening practice for you:

- In your house
- In the car
- On your bike
- Walking
- ........ wherever it works for you
- These are good examples in context

Repeated hearing is really important for you to put good models of English in your head:

- For understanding
- For pronunciation
- For listening practice

Here are 100 examples (in a Native English accent) showing how verbs in the Present Simple end with an “s”, “es” or “ies” in the Third person singular (one other person or thing that is NOT you or me)

Examples of 3rd person singular are the personal pronouns she, he and it

It’s also words and expressions like:

John, he, Mary, she, the dog, it, your sister, his wife, your mother, that car, a Porsche, the latest film by Woody Allen, the woman over there, the boy wearing a green shirt

First let’s see how it works with the verb “go”

**Affirmative**

**Singular**

I go to bed at 10.00

You go to bed at midnight

**plural**

We go to bed at 9.30
You and your sister **go** to bed at 10.30

**They go** to bed at 11.30

**BUT**

**Mary goes** to bed at 11.00

**You live** in London and John **lives** in Manchester

Now these next ones are all in the

**3rd person singular**

Work - Sarah **works** in a bank

Live - John **lives** in Manchester but he **works** in Liverpool,

Teach - Mary **teaches** Maths in a secondary school,

Carry - The dog over there always **carries** a ball in its mouth,

Buy - My sister usually **buys** fruit in the local fruit and Veg shop.

Love and try - John’s wife **loves** playing squash, she **tries** to win all her matches.

Say - Your mother always **says** hello to me every morning

Have - That red car has an electric motor,

Pass - A Porsche usually **passes** all the other cars on the road.

Deal - The latest film by Woody Allen **deals** with family problems,

Look - The woman in front of the shop **looks** like your mother,

Play - The boy wearing a green shirt **plays** football for Scotland.

**Let’s talk about negatives – compare don’t and doesn’t**

Finish - I **don’t** usually finish work until 9.00pm

Finish; have - My wife **finishes** at 3.00pm so she **doesn’t** have lunch with me
Stay; go - Jerry stays with friends when he goes to London he doesn’t stay in a hotel

Hurry - I don’t hurry to work, I always get there on time

Hurry - Mary often hurries to work but she doesn’t hurry home

Boil - Water boils at 100º C, it doesn’t boil at 80ºC

Have - Dave only has a few good friends but he doesn’t have any enemies

Verbs that end with “e” – add “s”

Rise, close, lose, live, like, see, refuse, come, take

Rise - The sun rises in the East

Close - The shop closes at 5.30pm

Lose - My team loses a lot of matches

Live - The Prime Minister lives at 10 Downing Street

Refuse - Andrew’s Mum refuses to let him go on the school outing, she’s not satisfied with his attitude

Come - My grandmother comes to visit us twice a year

Take - Jane usually takes fruit to work for lunch

Verbs that end with a consonant and “y” – change to “ies”

Cry - The baby cries when it needs to eat.

try - My son tries very hard to get good exam results.

hurry - John sometimes hurries his homework and makes mistakes.

Deny - The thief denies stealing the money.

study - Mary studies 4 hours every evening.

Fry - The Chinese cook fries vegetables in a wok.

spy - The secret agent usually spies on the enemy fighter planes.
fly – The business man usually flies in a private jet to save time

imply - A good exam result implies good preparation.

Verbs that end with a vowel and “y” – add “s” not “ies”

Stay - My Mum stays at home when it’s very cold. It’s not good for her to go out.

Play - Mike plays basketball for his local team

Say - The teacher always says “Don’t forget your bags” at the end of the school day

Buy - Sheila usually buys vegetables from the farm shop

Employ - The company employs about 3,000 people

Display - The screen in the main square displays the main activities in the town and the weather forecast for the next 24 hours.

Enjoy; go - Magda really enjoys running, she goes 5 times a week

Verbs ending in “x, zz, ss, sh, ch” – add “es”

Fix - Mary is a computer technician, she fixes hardware and software.

Tax - The government taxes people and companies to raise money for public services.

Buzz - The timer on my cooker buzzes when the food is ready.

Fax - John faxes documents to me when my e-mail isn’t working.

Hiss - That snake hisses when it sees people. sssssssss

Kiss - My mother hugs and kisses her grandchildren whenever she sees them

Pass - The trainer dropped Jimmy from the team because he never passes the ball

Push - The young man pushes his grandmother in her wheelchair

rush, miss - Simon always rushes to the station to catch the 7.08 train but usually misses it
Finish - The local secondary school finishes classes at 2.40pm

Confess - She confesses that she is obsessed with chocolate brownies, me too!

Reach - James loves rock climbing, when he reaches the top of a difficult route he takes a selfie.

Teach - My cousin teaches Philosophy in Oxford.

Touch - Adele’s music touches a lot of people’s hearts

Here are 45 more verbs in the third person singular

Accept - She accepts ....

Afford - this is usually used with “can”, for example “I’ve had a pay rise, now I can afford to buy a new car” but it can also be used like this:

That big tree affords us a lot of shade from the harsh summer sun.

Analyse Maria analyses ...

Applaud The crowd applauds ...

Back Jack backs ....

Bathe He bathes ...

Beat She beats ...

Bend It bends ...

Breathe She breathes

Change John changes ...

Choose Mum chooses ...

Copy It copies ...

Cost It costs ...

Discover She discovers ...

Dress Sheila dresses ...
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To recap how we form the THIRD person of the present simple, look at the instructions in the video HERE:

https://youtu.be/NqKfavHCxqQ

or on this webpage: http://www.learnenglishlanguagewell.com/grammar/verbs-with-s-in-present-simple/