

Third Person Singular -s Worksheet

The -s that appears on the verb when one other person does something.

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Brown places regular third person -s at roughly 3;0 to 3;10, with the irregular fo

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English does something odd: it marks the verb when the subject is one single other person or thing. I run, you run, we run, they run - but he runs. The -s is easy to miss because it carries no meaning of its own. Nothing about "runs" tells you more than "run" does; the ending is pure grammar, which is exactly why it is late to arrive and easy to drop.

What to expect: Children usually say "he run fast" for a good while before the -s shows up, and the -s tends to appear on frequent verbs first. Expect has and does to lag behind the regular forms - a child may say "she has" correctly as a memorized chunk months before they can add -s to a new verb they have never inflected.

Add the -s

Fill in the blank with the right form of the verb in parentheses.

1. I ride a bike. My sister ____ a bike too. (ride)
2. We eat lunch at noon. Dad ____ lunch at noon. (eat)
3. They play outside. My brother ____ outside. (play)
4. You run fast. The dog ____ fast. (run)
5. I read at bedtime. Mom ____ at bedtime. (read)
6. We walk to school. Grandma ____ to school. (walk)
7. They swim on Saturday. My cousin ____ on Saturday. (swim)
8. I help clean up. My friend ____ clean up. (help)
9. You sing in the car. The baby ____ in the car. (sing)
10. We like pizza. My teacher ____ pizza. (like)
11. I jump on the trampoline. The cat ____ on the trampoline. (jump)

12. They draw with markers. My sister ____ with markers. (draw)

Has and Does

These two do not just add -s. Fill in the blank with has or does.

13. I have a red backpack. My friend ____ a blue one.
14. We have two dogs. My neighbor ____ three cats.
15. They have snack at ten. The baby ____ snack at nine.
16. I do my homework after dinner. My brother ____ his before.
17. We do the dishes together. Dad ____ them on Sundays.
18. You have a loose tooth. She ____ one too.
19. They do puzzles at school. He ____ puzzles at home.
20. I have a library book. The teacher ____ a whole shelf.

Find the Mistake

Each sentence has one wrong verb. Say it the right way.

21. My dog bark at the mailman.
22. She want a turn on the swing.
23. The bus stop at the corner.
24. He runs and I runs.
25. My baby brother cry at night.
26. They walks to the park.
27. The cat sleep on my bed.
28. Mom make pancakes on Saturday.

Answer Key

Add the -s

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| 1. rides | 7. swims |
| 2. eats | 8. helps |
| 3. plays | 9. sings |
| 4. runs | 10. likes |
| 5. reads | 11. jumps |
| 6. walks | 12. draws |

Has and Does

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| 13. has | 17. does |
| 14. has | 18. has |
| 15. has | 19. does |
| 16. does | 20. has |

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