

What is **Third- Person Singular** English grammar?

(A 24-page eBook)

He studies English.

Ken studies English.

Ken's boss studies English.

My sister studies English.



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Third-person Singular English grammar

The pronouns - **he, she, it** + **any name, position** or **relation** that describes *one single person or thing* is a **third-person singular subject**.

Examples of third-person singular subjects

He **studies** English.

Ken **studies** English.

She **speaks** French.

Kathy **studies** French.

Ken's boss **studies** English.

My sister **studies** English.

Her friend **speaks** French.

It **likes** to play outside.

Third-person singular subjects will add **S** or **ES** to the end of the verb describing their action.

For example:

He eatss She brushes It does

Learn the spelling rules on page 14.

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What is the Third-Person Singular?

Third is an *ordinal number* in English. Ordinal numbers show the position of something that is part of a group of things.

Most ordinal numbers are just regular numbers with the letters TH added to the end. Seventh, fifteenth. Twenty-fourth, etc.

7th

15th

24th

With a few exceptions, five becomes fifth, and the number nine drops the e to become ninth.

(You can find more spelling changes on the ordinal number chart later in this eBook.)

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One, two, and three become the ordinal numbers **1st** (first), **2nd** (second), and **3rd** (third).

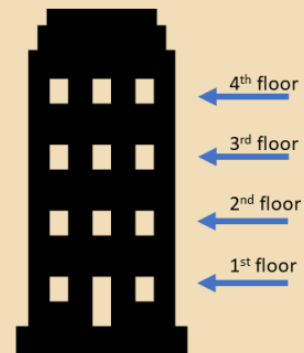
You have probably heard these kinds of numbers before.

- **Finishing positions** in a race or contest use these numbers.
- **The floors of a building** use these numbers.
- We also use them with the **days of the month**.

1st
2nd
3rd
4th
5th



June **15th** is my
birthday!



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Here is an easy way to think about Third-person English grammar

Use first-person grammar if you are talking about yourself.

"**I** have a new computer."

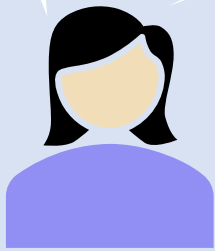
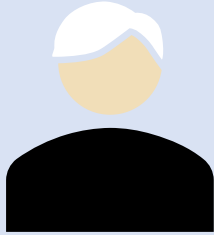

Use second person grammar for the person or people you are talking to.

"Are **you** okay? **You** look tired."

Use third-person grammar for the people or things we are talking about. They are not usually part of the conversation.

"Is **Peter** here? **He** is not at his desk."

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First-person	Second-person	Third-person
I, we	You, you (plural)	he, she, it, they
 <p>I have a new computer.</p>	 <p>Are you okay? You look tired.</p>	 <p>Is Peter here? He is not at his desk.</p>
We use first-person grammar if you are talking about yourself.	We use second-person grammar for the person or people you are talking to.	We use third-person grammar for the people or things we are talking about.

The pronouns from the examples in the table, (**I**, **you**, **he**), are all singular.


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First, Second, and Third-person pronouns

First-person uses the pronouns **I, we**

Second-person uses the pronoun **You**
[Remember the pronoun you can refer to one person or more than one person]

Third-person uses the pronouns **He/She/It/They**

 Singular (One)	Plural (More than one)
First-person I have a pick-up truck.	We are hungry after rugby practice.
Second-person You can borrow my truck if you want.	You must be hungry after Rugby practice. <i>(more than one person.)</i>
Third-person He eats the same breakfast every day.	They look tired.

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Third-person singular does not include plural subjects

You can see that singular means one. We use the adjective singular to describe nouns that refer to only one thing.

Person is a singular noun

Dog is a singular noun

Countable nouns have a plural form.

People is a plural noun

Dogs is a plural noun

As you saw in the chart above **I, we, you, he, she, it,** and **they** are *pronouns*. Some are used to talk about one thing, and some are used to talk about more than one thing.

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1st, 2nd, and 3rd person singular pronouns are talking about only 1 person or thing, so it doesn't include the plural pronouns WE, THEY, or the plural form of YOU.

Third-person singular is the pronouns – **he, she, it** + any name, position or relation that describes one single person or thing

Third person singular

He studies English.

She plays the piano.

Ken studies English.

Kim plays the piano.

Ken's boss studies English.

My classmate plays the piano.

My sister studies English.

His uncle plays the piano.

These subjects are all talking about a single person, remember that the third person talks about someone who is usually not part of the conversation.

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The grammar is called 3rd *person* singular, but it is not only used with people. It can also be used with other singular things like animals or objects.

Craig's phone works₹ underwater.

My dog likes₹ to play catch.

It rains₹ a lot in April.

*We use the third-person singular pronoun **it** when we talk about the weather.

"**It's** sunny today."

As I mentioned above Third-person singular English grammar is especially important for using verbs correctly.

Here are some simple FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD-person examples to help you understand this grammar. These examples will use both singular and plural versions.

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Other pronoun examples

First-person

I have a pick-up truck.

We are hungry after rugby practice.

Second-person

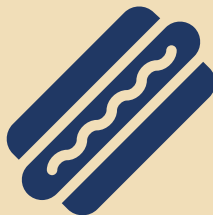
You can borrow my truck if you want.

You must be hungry after Rugby practice. (*Talking to more than one person.*)

Third-person

He eats the same breakfast every day. Oatmeal and orange juice.

They look hungry. I'd better start the barbeque now.



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Other first, second, and third person plural examples:

My friends and I like to play video games online.
[First person plural]

You and your brother go to the same school as my cousin. [Second person plural]

Keith and his wife are coming over for dinner tonight. [Third person plural]

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Third-person singular subject verb spelling

Third-person singular subjects will add S or ES to the end of the verb describing their action. Using S or ES depends on the spelling of the verb. Here is an easy guide.

We need to add ES to the following verbs:

Verbs ending with ss

miss - misses - "Don't pass to Kyle, he misses every time!"

kiss - kisses - "My Mom kisses my baby brother every night before he goes to sleep."

Verbs ending with sh or ch

brush - brushes - "Jenny brushes her teeth for 20 minutes every night before bed."

match - matches - "This tie is perfect! It matches my shirt."

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Verbs ending with X

fix - fixes - "Allen fixes all the computers in the office."

mix - mixes - "Judy never mixes business with pleasure."

Verbs ending with o

do - does - A: "My friend always draws funny pictures in his notebook."

B: "My brother does that too."

go - goes - "My Mom kisses my baby brother every night before he goes to sleep."

Verbs ending with Y that comes after a consonant

*(The **y** changes to **i** before adding **es**)*

fly - flies - "A bat flies through the night sky."

try - tries - "Howard is not the best player on the team, but he tries hard."

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*NOTE

If a verb ends with the letter Y that comes after a vowel (A,E, I, O, U) we just need to add the letter S.

"Leonard playsy baseball."

"My friend at work always buysy his lunch."



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Choose the correct spelling of the **bold** verbs in each sentence.

The answers can be found on page 23.

Quiz Pt. 1

From my blog post: [Learn English with a story](#)

It **take/takes** a long time to fly from Toronto to Tokyo.

If you **fly/flies** from one city straight to another with no stops, we call this a direct flight.

If you **change/changes** planes before your final destination, your flight is not direct.

Do you **like/likes** airplane food? My ex-girlfriend really **like/likes** it, but not me.

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Quiz Pt. 2

From my blog post: [The difference between GET and TAKE](#)

I **get/gets** the impression that he is bored with his job.

He **earn/earns** about \$40 000 a year.

You can trust Cathy, she always **get/gets** results.

I'll **get/gets** the money somehow.

If he **take/takes** my advice he will be okay I think.

If they **offer/offers** me the job, I'll **take/takes** it.

Mike **get/gets** a headache if he doesn't have a cup of coffee every day.

No one **take/takes** me seriously.

Please fill out this form, it should only **take/takes** you five minutes.

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Quiz Pt. 3



Dennis **applies/applies** to Law school every year.

I lent Chris \$50 last week. I hope he **pays/pays** me back soon.

Sometimes my little sister **says/says** the cutest things.

We all **like/likes** Jazz, but we also **enjoy/enjoys** a loud rock concert once in a while.



For teachers and students – You can download a printable copy of the quiz questions [HERE](#)

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Ordinal number list

Below is list of cardinal and ordinal numbers.

(Cardinal numbers are regular numbers that we use for counting.)

Cardinal [left column] Ordinal [right column]

1	One	1 st	First
2	Two	2 nd	Second
3	Three	3 rd	Third
4	Four	4 th	Fourth
5	Five	5 th	Fifth
6	Six	6 th	Sixth
7	Seven	7 th	Seventh
8	Eight	8 th	Eighth
9	Nine	9 th	Ninth
10	Ten	10 th	Tenth

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11	Eleven	11 th	Eleventh
12	Twelve	12 th	Twelfth
13	Thirteen	13 th	Thirteenth
14	Fourteen	14 th	Fourteenth
15	Fifteen	15 th	Fifteenth
16	Sixteen	16 th	Sixteenth
17	Seventeen	17 th	Seventeenth
18	Eighteen	18 th	Eighteenth
19	Nineteen	19 th	Nineteenth
20	Twenty	20 th	Twentieth
21	Twenty one	21 st	Twenty-first
22	Twenty two	22 nd	Twenty-second
23	Twenty three	23 rd	Twenty-third
24	Twenty four	24 th	Twenty-fourth
25	Twenty five	25 th	Twenty-fifth
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30	Thirty	30th	Thirtieth
31	Thirty one	31st	Thirty-first
32	Thirty two	32nd	Thirty-second
33	Thirty three	33rd	Thirty-third
34	Thirty four	34th	Thirty-fourth
...
40	Forty	40th	Fortieth
50	Fifty	50th	Fiftieth
60	Sixty	60th	Sixtieth
70	Seventy	70th	Seventieth
80	Eighty	80th	Eightieth
90	Ninety	90th	Ninetieth
100	One hundred	100th	Hundredth
...
1000	One thousand	1000th	Thousandth

Thanks to [MathsFun.com](https://www.mathsfun.com) for this great chart.

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Quiz Answers

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