



## Present Simple Spelling Changes

Some verbs have present simple spelling changes with 'he', 'she' or 'it':

### 1. Verbs that end in 'y':

Verbs that end in 'y' often change 'y' to 'ie' before 's':

- **study** becomes **studies**
- **try** becomes **tries**
- **marry** becomes **marries**
- **fly** becomes **flies**
- **cry** becomes **cries**

(Be careful! 'y' doesn't change to 'ie' if the ending is '**ay**', '**ey**', '**oy**', '**uy**'. So, play becomes **plays**, say becomes **says**, buy becomes **buys**, enjoy becomes **enjoys**, stay becomes **stays**).

### 2. Verbs that end in 's', 'sh', 'ch', or 'x':

Verbs that end in 's', 'sh', 'ch' or 'x' often add 'e' before 's':

- **pass** becomes **passes**
- **wash** becomes **washes**
- **teach** becomes **teaches**