

34 I live here.

I **live** here. She often **phones** me. They **play** football every day.

- We use the present simple:
 - to talk about something that is always or usually true:
*I **live** here. Children **ask** a lot of questions.*
 - to talk about things that happen regularly:
*She often **phones** me. They **play** football every day.*
- We often use adverbs of frequency (e.g. *always, usually, often, sometimes, never*) and other time expressions (e.g. *every day, in the morning*) with the present simple. The adverbs come before the verb. *Every day, in the morning*, etc. come at the beginning or end of the sentence:
*She **often** phones me. They play football **every day**.*
- In affirmative sentences, we add -s or -es in the third person singular (*he, she, it*):
*I live → he **lives** we watch → she **watches** they fly → it **flies***

Affirmative I/you/we/they **live** he/she/it **lives**

- ▶▶ See Appendix 4: Spelling rules for present simple verbs (*he/she/it*), page 169.
- ▶▶ For adverbs of frequency, see Unit 31.

PRACTICE

34a Complete the table.

I/you/we/they	he/she/it	I/you/we/they	he/she/it
finish	<i>finishes</i>	stay	
teach		study	
try		give	
like		say	
wash		mix	
worry		wear	
go		touch	
miss		listen	
start		cry	
carry		live	
lie		want	