

## SIMPLE PRESENT: AFFIRMATIVE AND NEGATIVE

### Affirmative

| Subject             | Verb        | Complement  |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| I / You / We / They | <b>eat</b>  | vegetables. |
| He / She / It       | <b>eats</b> | chocolate.  |

We use the simple present to talk about

- repeated actions or habits: I **have** breakfast at 7:00 every morning.
- general truths: The sun **orbits** around the earth.

### Spelling rules for third person singular

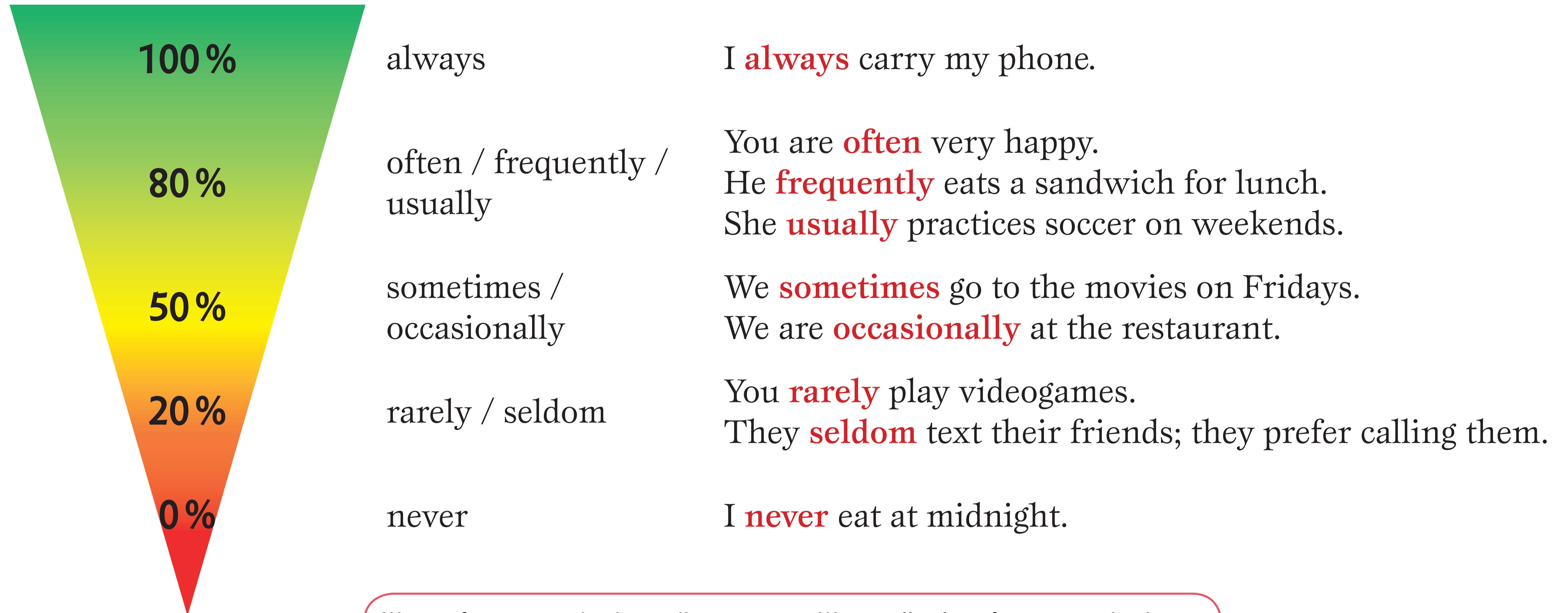
| Regular verbs                                | Verbs ending in vowel + -y               | Verbs ending in consonant + -y                     | Verbs ending in -ss, -x, -ch, -sh  | Irregular verbs   |
|--|--|--|--|---|
| talk = talk <b>s</b><br>play = play <b>s</b> | pay = pay <b>s</b><br>say = say <b>s</b> | carry = carr <b>ies</b><br>study = stud <b>ies</b> | kiss = kiss <b>es</b><br>fix = fix <b>es</b><br>watch = watch <b>es</b><br>crash = crash <b>es</b> | have = <b>has</b><br>go = <b>goes</b><br>do = <b>does</b> |

### Negative

| Subject             | Auxiliary      | Verb + complement    |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| I / You / We / They | <b>don't</b>   | <b>drink</b> coffee. |
| He / She / It       | <b>doesn't</b> | <b>drink</b> soda.   |

Contractions are frequently used in conversation and informal writing: My sister **doesn't** watch TV. I **don't** like spaghetti.

## FREQUENCY ADVERBS



We use frequency adverbs to discuss how often something happens, for routines, or for repeated activities in simple present.

We usually place frequency adverbs

- after the verb *to be*.
- before all other verbs.

## SIMPLE PRESENT: INTERROGATIVE (YES / NO QUESTIONS AND WH- QUESTIONS)

## Yes / No questions

| Subject             | Structure                                  | Example  |
|---------------------|--|--|
| I / You / We / They | <i>Do</i> + subject + verb + complement?   | <b>Do</b> you <b>clean</b> the house on Saturdays? |
| He / She / It       | <i>Does</i> + subject + verb + complement? | <b>Does</b> your father <b>cook</b> dinner?        |

## Wh- questions

| Subject             | Structure                                       | Example                   |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------|
| I / You / We / They | <i>Wh-</i> word + <i>do</i> + subject + verb?   | <b>Where</b> do you work? |
| He / She / It       | <i>Wh-</i> word + <i>does</i> + subject + verb? | <b>When</b> does he eat?  |

- Yes / No questions are used to check information or ask for confirmation: **Do** you speak English? **Yes, I do.**

- *Wh-* questions are used to ask for information. The answer cannot be simply *yes* or *no*: **When** do you take French Classes? **On Sundays.**