

Third Person Singular Present Tense Verbs

When we are talking about another person in the present tense, we add an 's' onto the end of the verb (action word) e.g. He **wants** a ball. Some children will not do this so their sentence might sound like "he want the ball."

Understanding

Introduce and model the use of third person for your child to hear using familiar people e.g. Daddy **wants** a drink.

Prompt your child to listen out for the 's' sound at the end of your action word.

Practising

- The Farmer's in his Den: Children form a circle with 1 child in the centre (the farmer). The children in the circle sing "The farmer **wants** a wife / husband" The 'farmer' selects a child to be the wife/husband. Then the children in the circle chant "the wife **wants** a child" and the 'wife' then selects a child from the circle to be the child. The children in the circle then chant "the child **wants** a dog" and the 'child' selects another child to be a dog. The children in the circle chant "they all pat the dog" and the farmer, wife and child gently pat the dog.
- During everyday group work encourage children to tell you what others need by saying " ____ **wants/needs** the glue/rubber".

Self Correction

- When your child becomes more familiar with using third person singular: Give your child choices "Do you mean he want or he **wants**?"
- Encourage your child to monitor and self correct "She **want** a biscuit; is that right?"

