# **Present Simple Tense**

The tense that is used to refer to events, actions and conditions that are happening in all the time.

The form of the present simple is

#### Subject + Verb (is, are) (third person s, if the sub. is single) + comp.

- Single sub. (It, he, She)
- We can replace names by the form of the sub. like: John, the boy, the girl, the dog, the building .... etc.

John= (He)

My little sister (She)

The Laptop (it)

And also we use these form to refer to the subject: Everybody, everyone, Somebody, Someone, Anybody, Nobody, No one (She, he) One, Who, That, Which, This (He, she, it)

- Salma is a girl who (=she) knows what she wants.
- One of the two girls (=one girl) works in a school.
- Something (=it) tells me she will not pass the test.
- ❖ What (= a thing − something) happens next?
- Everybody (=any person) loves somebody sometimes.
- In these verbs: (will, can, may) we do not add the third person (s) to the subject e.x: He will play
- When we add (third person s) to the verb we add (es) if the single present verb ends with these sounds (sh, ch, s, ss, z):
  - e.x: Pass = passes / wash = washes / fix = fixes / watc = watches
- If the present simple verb ends with the letter (y) and there is one of the vowels before it (a, i, e,o,u), then when adding (s) the third person we do not change the (y) e.x: Play= plays / Boy= boys / Say= says / Buy= buys
- And if the verb ends with letter (y) and there is no vowel sound before it, then when adding (s), the letter (y) changes to (i)
  - e.x: Cry = cries / Study= studies / worry= worries / fly= flies

- We do not add the (s) if the subject was
  - 1- Plural Pronoun like: (I, We, You, They)
  - 2- Plural noun like: (my brother and I, my parents, these, cars...ect)
  - 3- All the singular nouns that connection with the conjunctions (and) are treated as plural as: Harry and Julian sell tomatoes and potatoes in the market on Saturday.

## When to use the present simple?

### \* Repeated Actions or Habit

- They go to work every day.
- We always read books at the club.
- \* He studies every Friday.

#### \*Facts

- \* The sun rises from the east.
- \* The earth moves around the sun.
- The sky is blue.

### **Adverbs of frequency**

(Never, sometimes, usually, often, always, frequently, rarely, ever, daily, weekly, monthly)

- I always walk to work
- The school seldom pays for the pupil's textbooks.
- He sometimes forgets his wallet.
- They usually arrive late
- ❖ She rarely get up at 7.00 am.