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Simple present tense

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- **The simple present** (also called present simple or present indefinite) is a verb tense which is used to show repetition, habit or generalization.
 - Less commonly, the simple present can be used to talk about scheduled actions in the near future and, in some cases, actions happening now.

Simple Present Forms:

The simple present is just the base form of the verb.

Questions are made with *do* and negative forms are made with *do not*.

- Statement: You **speak** English.
- Question: **Do** you **speak** English?
- Negative: You **do not speak** English.

In the third person singular, -s or -es is added.

Questions are made with *does* and negative forms are made with *does not*.

- Statement: He **speaks** English.
- Question: **Does** he **speak** English?
- Negative: He **does not speak** English.



Affirmative

I **play** football.
You **play** football.
He **play** football.
She **play** football.
It **play** football.
We **play** football.
You **play** football.
They **play** football.



Negative

I **do not play** football.
You **do not play** football.
He **does not play** football.
She **does not play** football.
It **does not play** football.
We **do not play** football.
You **do not play** football.
They **do not play** football.



Interrogative

Do I play football?
Do you play football?
Does he play football?
Does she play football?
Does it play football?
Do we play football?
Do you play football?
Do they play football?

PRESENT SIMPLE

Form Present Simple

HELPFUL HINTS

S + verb + object ...

I/we/they/you + like + tea.
He/she/it + likes + tea.

Use it for ...

- * Facts.
- * Habitual actions.
- * Things that don't/won't change.
- * Describing yourself.

S + don't/doesn't + verb + object ...

I + don't + like + tea.
She + doesn't + like + tea.

Signal words

- Adverbs of frequency, like:
- * Often
 - * Usually
 - * Sometimes
 - * Never

Do/Does + S + verb + object?

Do + you/we/they/I + like + tea?
Does + he/she/it + like + tea?

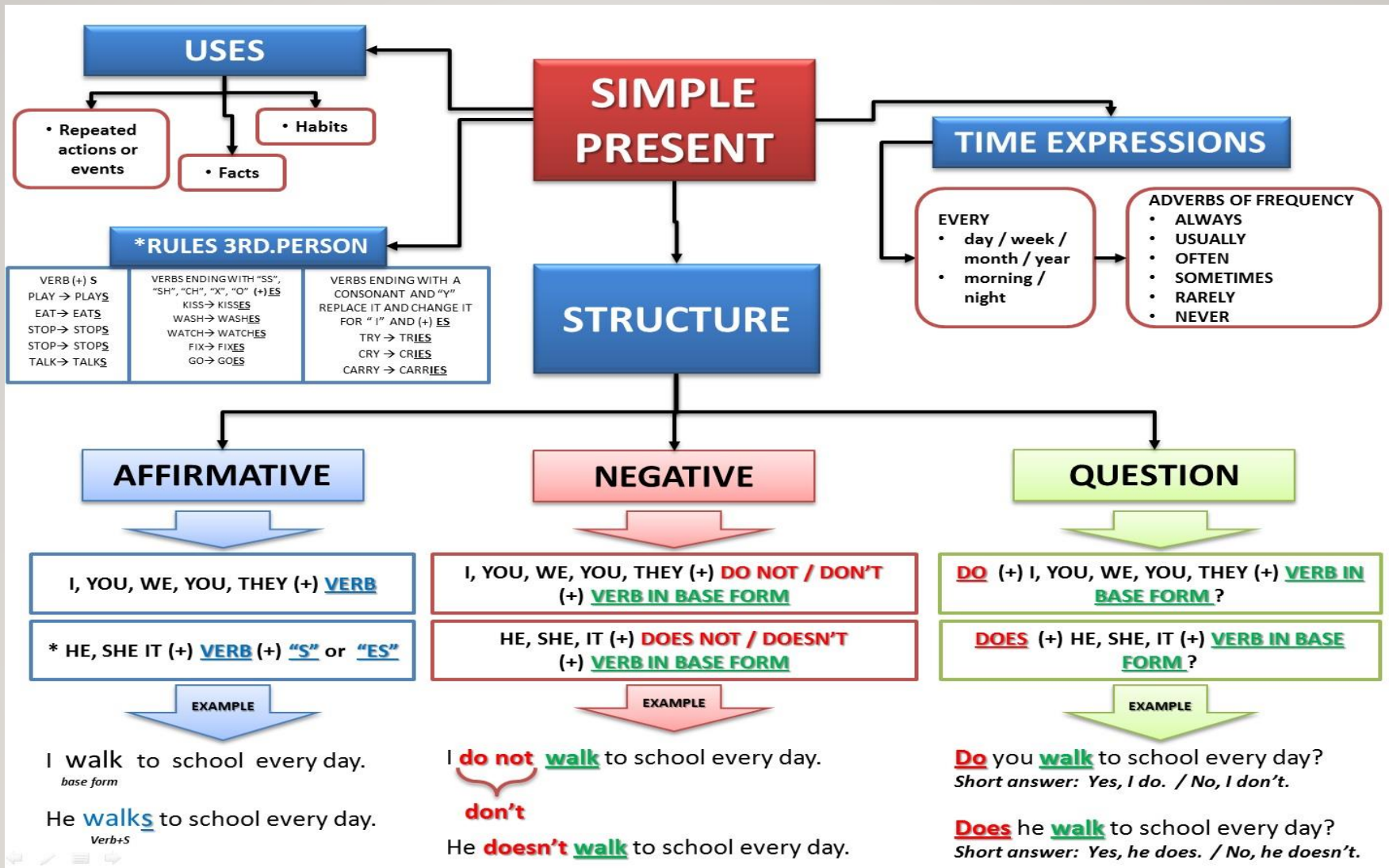
BUT REMEMBER



*** The verb 'to be' is different ***

I + am (Australian.)
He/she/it + is (clever.)
you/we/they + are (nice.)





Simple Present Uses

USE 1 Repeated Actions



- Use the simple present to express the idea that an action is repeated or usual.
- The action can be a habit, a hobby, a daily event, a scheduled event or something that often happens.
- It can also be something a person often forgets or usually does not do.

Examples:

- I **play** tennis.
- She **does not play** tennis.
- **Does** he **play** tennis?
- The train **leaves** every morning at 8 AM.

USE 2 Facts or Generalizations

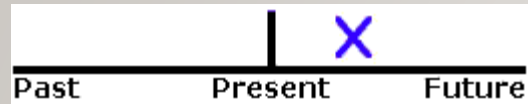


- The simple present can also indicate the speaker believes that a fact was true before, is true now, and will be true in the future.
- It is not important if the speaker is correct about the fact. It is also used to make generalizations about people or things.

Examples:

- Cats **like** milk.
- Birds **do not like** milk.
- Do** pigs **like** milk?
- California **is** in America.

USE 3 Scheduled Events in the Near Future



- ❖ Speakers occasionally use simple present to talk about scheduled events in the near future.
- ❖ This is most commonly done when talking about public transportation, but it can be used with other scheduled events as well.

Examples:

- The train **leaves** tonight at 6 PM.
- The bus **does not arrive** at 11 AM, it **arrives** at 11 PM.
- When **do** we **board** the plane?
- The party **starts** at 8 o'clock.
- When **does** class **begin** tomorrow?

USE 4 Now (Non-Continuous Verbs)



- Speakers sometimes use the simple present to express the idea that an action is happening or is not happening now.
- This can only be done with non-continuous verbs and certain mixed verbs.

Examples:

- I **am** here now.
- She **is not** here now.
- He **needs** help right now.
- He **does not need** help now.
- He **has** his passport in his hand.

5 Complete the verbs.

1 I get → He *gets*

2 You go → She *goes*

3 We have → He

4 I leave → She

5 We do → He

6 You watch → She

7 They live → He

8 I work → She

Don't forget!

Present Simple

19 Complete the chart.

	Positive	Question	Negative
I	<i>I work</i>	<i>Do I work?</i>	
You			<i>You don't work</i>
He		<i>Does he work?</i>	
She	<i>She works</i>		
It			<i>It doesn't work</i>

21 Underline the correct word.

- 1 Do / Does you like sports?
- 2 Where *do* / *does* your sister live?
- 3 What languages *do* / *does* your teacher speak?
- 4 *Do* / *Does* you have a computer at home?
- 5 I *don't* / *doesn't* get up early at the weekend.
- 6 My parents *don't* / *doesn't* like my friends.

20 Add -s, -es, or - (nothing).

- 1 My brother love^s___ football.
- 2 Tom and Julia often go___ shopping.
- 3 Susan watch___ videos every evening.
- 4 James cook___ dinner in the evening.
- 5 We work___ late on Tuesday evening.
- 6 Ellie teach___ English at my school.

Questions

22 Match a question with a question word.

What	When	How	How much
How many	Where	Who	

- 1 What do you do in the evening? – I watch TV.
- 2 _____ do you come to school? – By bus.
- 3 _____ is a cup of coffee? – 90p.
- 4 _____ are you from? – I'm from Kuwait.
- 5 _____ is your teacher? – Sally.
- 6 _____ do you go on holiday? – In summer.
- 7 _____ languages do you speak? – Two.

The time

1 **T.6.1** Underline the correct time.



1 ten thirty / ten fifteen



2 three o'clock / five o'clock



3 eight thirty / nine thirty



4 six twenty-five / six forty-five



5 two forty-five / ten forty-five



6 eleven o'clock / twelve o'clock

Thank you

