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PRESENT

SIMPLE

TENSE





Present Simple

The Present Simple tense is the most basic tense in English and uses the base form of the verb (except for the verb be).

The only change from the base is the addition of s for third person singular.

Present simple

1- Affirmative sentence: sub+ V =

- ✓ -If we have single verb, we have to put S
- ✓ - If we have plural verb, we have not put S

2- Negative sentence:

- ✓ -Sub +do not + V without any adding
- ✓ -Sub +does not + V without any adding

3- Question sentence:

- ✓ -Do +V without any adding +?
- ✓ - Does V without any adding+?

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.)



Present Simple Tense

Affirmative

I live
You live
He lives
She lives
It lives
We live
You live
They live

Negative

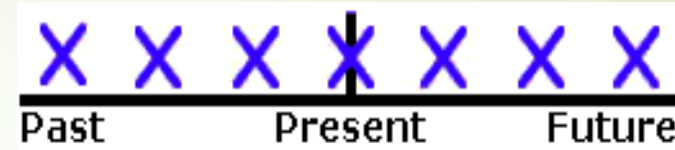
I don't live
You don't live
He doesn't live
She doesn't live
It doesn't live
We don't live
You don't live
They don't live

Interrogative

Do I live?
Do you live?
Does he live?
Does she live?
Does it live?
Do we live?
Do you live?
Do they live?

Simple Present Uses

USE 1 Repeated Actions

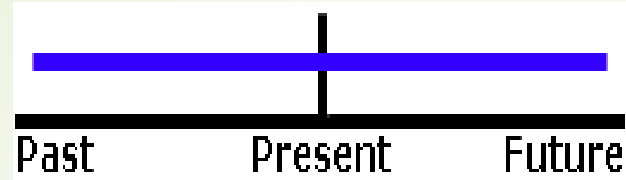


- Use the simple present to express the idea that an action is repeated or usual.
- The action can be a habit, a hobby, a daily event, a scheduled event or something that often happens.
- It can also be something a person often forgets or usually does not do.

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

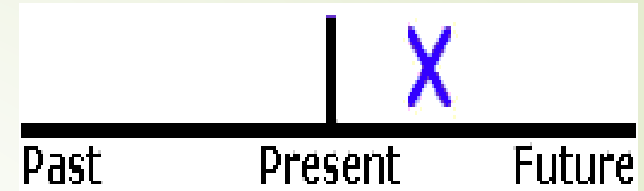


- The simple present can also indicate the speaker believes that a fact was true before, is true now, and will be true in the future.
- It is not important if the speaker is correct about the fact. It is also used to make generalizations about people or things.

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

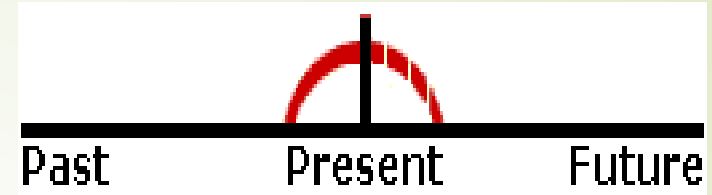


- ❖ Speakers occasionally use simple present to talk about scheduled events in the near future.
- ❖ This is most commonly done when talking about public **transportation**, but it can be used with other scheduled events as well.

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.

Unit 2

Present simple (I do)

A

Study this example situation:



Alex is a bus driver, but now he is in bed asleep.
He is not driving a bus. (He is asleep.)

but He **drives** a bus. (He is a bus driver.)

Drive(s)/work(s)/do(es) etc. is the *present simple*:

I/we/you/they	drive/work/do	etc.
he/she/it	drives/works/does	etc.

B

We use the present simple to talk about things in general. We use it to say that something happens all the time or repeatedly, or that something is true in general:

- Nurses **look** after patients in hospitals.
- I usually **go** away at weekends.
- The earth **goes** round the sun.
- The cafe **opens** at 7.30 in the morning.

Remember:

I **work** ... *but* He **works** ... They **teach** ... *but* My sister **teaches** ...

For spelling (-s or -es), see Appendix 6.

C

We use **do/does** to make questions and negative sentences:

do	I/we/you/they	work?	I/we/you/they	don't	work
does	he/she/it	drive?	he/she/it	doesn't	drive
		do?			do

- I come from Canada. Where **do** you **come** from?
- I **don't go** away very often.
- What **does** this word **mean**? (*not* What means this word?)
- Rice **doesn't grow** in cold climates.

In the following examples, **do** is also the main verb (do you **do** / doesn't **do** etc.):

- 'What **do** you **do**?' 'I work in a shop.'
- He's always so lazy. He **doesn't do** anything to help.

D

We use the present simple to say how often we do things:

- I **get** up at 8 o'clock **every morning**.
- How often** do you **go** to the dentist?
- Julie **doesn't drink** tea **very often**.
- Robert usually **goes** away **two or three times a year**.

E

I promise / I apologise etc.

Sometimes we do things by saying something. For example, when you *promise* to do something, you can say 'I **promise** ...'; when you *suggest* something, you can say 'I **suggest** ...':

- I **promise** I won't be late. (*not* I'm promising)
- 'What do you **suggest** I do?' 'I **suggest** that you ...'

In the same way we say: I **apologise** ... / I **advise** ... / I **insist** ... / I **agree** ... / I **refuse** ... etc.

Exercises

2.1 Complete the sentences using the following verbs:

cause(s) connect(s) drink(s) live(s) open(s) ~~speaks(s)~~ take(s)

- 1 Tanya speaks German very well.
- 2 I don't often _____ coffee.
- 3 The swimming pool _____ at 7.30 every morning.
- 4 Bad driving _____ many accidents.
- 5 My parents _____ in a very small flat.
- 6 The Olympic Games _____ place every four years.
- 7 The Panama Canal _____ the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

2.2

Put the verb into the correct form.

1 Julie *doesn't drink* (not / drink) tea very often.

2 What time _____ (the banks / close) here?

3 I've got a car, but I _____ (not / use) it much.

4 'Where _____ (Ricardo / come) from?' 'From Cuba.'

5 'What _____ (you / do)?' 'I'm an electrician.'

6 It _____ (take) me an hour to get to work. How long
_____ (it / take) you?

7 Look at this sentence. What _____ (this word / mean)?

8 David isn't very fit. He _____ (not / do) any sport.

2.5 Complete using the following:

I apologise I insist I promise I recommend ~~I suggest~~

- 1 Mr Evans is not in the office today. I suggest you try calling him tomorrow.
- 2 I won't tell anybody what you said. _____.
- 3 (*in a restaurant*) You must let me pay for the meal. _____.
- 4 _____ for what I did. It won't happen again.
- 5 The new restaurant in Hill Street is very good. _____ it.



Here are some simple present tense exercise questions and answers.

- 1.The sun from the east and in the west. (rise, set)
- 2.Students the flag ceremony every Monday morning. (attend)
- 3.Covid-19 from Wuhan, China. (originate)
- 4.Covid-19 rapidly between humans. (spread)
- 5.Aisha always the animated film on YouTube with his brother. (watch)
- 6.Umi nastar cake in the kitchen, assisted by Aisyah. (make)
- 7.Children basketball in the backyard. (play)
- 8.Abi Aisyah's small broken fan in the warehouse. (fix)
- 9.We Grandparents in Bangsal Sari every Eid. (visit)
- 10.Akmal to make animations in PowerPoint and illustrators. (like)
- 11.The government anyone from gathering if it is not important. (prohibit)
- 12.The teachers the practice of making teaching materials. (follow)
- 13.Baim Wong many families in need. (help)
- 14.We always masks when we go outside. (wear)
- 15.Ria always her palms using a hand sanitizer after outside activities. (clean)
- 16.Many people their lifestyle due to Covid-19. (change)
- 17.Akram always 2 liters of water every day. (drink)
- 18.I my English knowledge on this blog. (share)



Answers

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Thank you