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**PRESENT TENSE**

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# Present Simple (1)

## Form



### Afirmative

I walk  
You walk  
He walks  
She walks  
It walks  
We walk  
You walk  
They walk

### Negative

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

### Interrogative

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

### Short answers

#### Affirmative

Yes, I / you / we / they do  
Yes, he / she / it does

#### Negative

No, I / you / we / they don't  
No, he / she / it doesn't

### Third person singular

We add **-s** to the verb to form the third person singular (**he, she, it**).

I drink - he drinks  
I run - he runs

#### **BUT**

- We add **-es** to verbs that end in **-ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o**.

I watch - he watches

- With verbs ending in **consonant + y**, we change the **-y** to **-ies**.

I cry - he cries

**But** with verbs ending in **vowel + y**, we just add **-s** as usual.

I play - he plays

## Use

We use the Present Simple:

- for **habits** and actions that we do regularly:  
He visits his friends every Sunday.  
She goes to school by bus.
- for **general truths**:  
The sun rises in the East.
- for **permanent situations**:  
He lives in Athens.



## Expressions used with the Present Simple

**Frequency adverbs:** always, usually, often, sometimes, rarely, never  
(they are placed before the main verb)

**Time expressions:** every day / week / Friday...  
on Mondays / Sundays...  
at the weekend...  
in the morning / afternoon...  
in winter / spring...  
once a day / week...



A. Write the third person singular of the following verbs.

play	<u>Plays</u>	go	<u>goes</u>
wash	<u>washes</u>	teach	<u>teaches</u>
drive	<u>drives</u>	carry	<u>Carries</u>
fly	<u>flies</u>	start	<u>Starts</u>
help	<u>helps</u>	kiss	<u>kisses</u>
watch	<u>watches</u>	tidy	<u>tidies</u>
like	<u>likes</u>	enjoy	<u>enjoys</u>
cry	<u>cries</u>	mix	<u>mixes</u>



B. Complete the sentences with the Present Simple of the verbs in brackets.

1. Peter and his friends goes to school by bus. (go)
2. Elephants eat leaves and grass. (eat)
3. David's father works in a hospital. (work)
4. The bank opens at 9.30 and close at 4.30. (close)
5. Tom and Jim Plays football every day after school. (play)
6. Mr Jones is a teacher. He teaches History. (teach)
7. Our lessons start at 9.00 and finish at 3.30. (start / finish)
8. My pen friend live in Japan. (live)
9. Mary and her brother watches cartoons every Sunday morning. (watch)
10. John tidies his room every day. (tidy)



C. Complete the blanks with the Present Simple of the verbs in the box.

go ~~work~~ ride deliver love jog rest fish walk

Mr Letty is a postman. He doesn't work in the post office. He always **works** outside in the streets.

He **delivers** letters to all the people in the

neighbourhood every day. He doesn't **jogs**

but he **ride** his motorbike.

At the weekend, Mr Letty doesn't work.

He **rests**. He **loves** the countryside,

so he always **goes** to his country house with

his wife. Mr and Mrs Letty **fishes** in the river

and they **walk** in the woods every weekend.



D. Look at the pictures and write questions and answers, as in the example.

1. play / the guitar / in the afternoon

*Does he play the guitar in the afternoon?*

*No he doesn't play the guitar in the afternoon.*

*He plays the accordion.*



2. walk / after lunch

*Do you walk after lunch?*

*No, I don't walk after lunch.*

*I, sleep.*



3. ride / their / bicycles / to work / every day

*They ride their bicycles to work every day?*

*No they don't ride their bicycles to work every day.*

*They get the bus.*





4. listen / to the radio / every Sunday

She listen to the radio every Sunday?

No, she doesn't listen to the radio every Sunday.

She, goes to the Cinema,



5. clean / the house / on Mondays

He clean the house on Mondays?

No, He doesn't clean the house on Mondays.

He, Sings on Mondays.



6. watch / TV / after school

they watches tv after school?

No, they don't watches tv after school.

they do homework.



E. Complete the blanks with the **negative** or the **interrogative** form of the Present Simple of the verbs in brackets.

Mark: Hi, Tess! What are you doing?

Tess: I'm watching the football team.

Mark: *Do you watch* (watch) them every day?

Tess: No, I don't. They Don't (not play) every day. They play four times a week.

Mark: do you doesn't (have) a favourite player?

Tess: No, I dont (not have) a favourite player. Everyone on the team is good.

Mark: do the attacker does (move) fast?

Tess: No, he doesn't (not move) fast, but he's very clever. do you don't (like) football, Mark?

Mark: No, I don't (not like) it. I like basketball. It's a great sport.





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## Exercise 9

### Present Tense

Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present tense.

Example: I (play) play the guitar.

Example: Jessica (play) plays the guitar.

- 1) I (be) be sixteen years old.
- 2) Tommy (live) lives at 107 Pine Lane.
- 3) Juana (cook) cooks dinner for her family.
- 4) They (eat) eat lunch at 12:00.
- 5) Nina (take) takes medicine when she is sick.
- 6) I (like) like chocolate.
- 7) He (drive) drives a nice car.
- 8) We (want) want to see a movie tonight.
- 9) Mr. Anderson (teach) teaches chemistry at Hill High School.
- 10) They (study) study English at school.
- 11) I (want) want to go home now.
- 12) Bill and Calicia (drive) drives to the mountains every year. every year.
- 13) We (eat) eat pasta once a week.
- 14) It (snow) snows here in December.
- 15) When Dax (take) take a shower, he (wash) washes his hair with shampoo.

