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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) live at 107 Pine Lane.
- 3) Juana (cook) Kitchen dinner for her family.
- 4) They (eat) eat lunch at 12:00.
- 5) Nina (take) taking 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) drive to the mountains every year. every year.
- 13) We (eat) eat pasta once a week.
- 14) It (snow) snow here in December.
- 15) When Dax (take) taking a shower, he (wash) wash his hair with shampoo.



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>I will teach</u>	go	<u>go</u>
wash	<u>I will wash</u>	teach	<u>I will teach.</u>
drive	<u>I drive</u>	carry	<u>I will wash</u>
fly	<u>I will fly</u>	start	<u>I will start</u>
help	<u>I will help</u>	kiss	<u>I will kiss</u>
watch	<u>I will watch.</u>	tidy	<u>I will order</u>
like	<u>I would like</u>	enjoy	<u>I will enjoy</u>
cry	<u>I will cry</u>	mix	<u>I will mix</u>



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

1. Peter and his friends go 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 they play football every day after school. (play)
6. Mr Jones is a teacher. He teaches History. (teach)
7. Our lessons beginning at 9.00 and finished at 3.30. (start / finish)
8. My pen friend send in Japan. (live)
9. Mary and her brother watch cartoons every Sunday morning. (watch)
10. John order 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 *walk* but he *rides* 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 *fish* in the river and they *jog* 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

Walk after lunch?

No he doesn't walk after lunch.

He is sleeping.



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

ride their bicycles to work every day?

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

they missed the bus.



4. listen / to the radio / every Sunday

listen to the radio every Sunday?

No he doesn't listen to the radio every Sunday.

he is working.



5. clean / the house / on Mondays

Clean the house on Mondays?

No he doesn't clean the house on Mondays.

he is singing.



6. watch / TV / after school

Watch TV after school?

No they don't watch TV after school.

they are doing 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 do not play (not play) every day. They play four times a week.

Mark: No you don't have (have) a favourite player?

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

Mark: No the attacker do not move (move) fast?

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

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

