

VERBS (2)

Tenses (02)

The Present Simple: in context 2 min

What is the present simple?



I *work* at the library.



He *works* at the school.

The Present Simple: Use and Formation

15 min

When do we use the present simple?

Repeated actions	I <i>play</i> tennis every Monday.
Facts	Cats <i>like</i> milk.
Planned events in the near future	The party <i>starts</i> at 8 pm.
Now	He <i>needs</i> help now.

How do we form the present simple?

Verb: to work

Affirmative form ✓	Negative form ✗	Questions ?
I/you/we/they <i>work</i>	I/you/we/they <i>do not work</i>	<i>Do</i> I/you/we/they <i>work</i> ?
he/she/it <i>works</i>	he/she/it <i>does not work</i>	<i>Does</i> he/she/it <i>work</i> ?

Examples:

I *watch* tv in the evenings.

We *do not play* football.

Does your friend *drive* a green car?

Yes, he *drives* a green car. = Yes, he *does*.

No, he *does not drive* a green car. = No, he *does not*.

For verbs ending in a consonant plus -y, we change -y to -i and add -es.

Examples:

to cry → she *cries*

to try → he *tries*

For verbs ending in -o, -s, -z, -x, -ch, and -sh, we add -es.

Examples:

to go → she *goes*

to kiss → he *kisses*

to buzz → it *buzzes*

to relax → he *relaxes*

to watch → he *watches*
to wash → she *washes*

When we speak, we use contractions. A contraction is two words put together.

Examples:

don't = do not
doesn't = does not

The Present Simple: Language Tips

3 min

Remember the 's' in the third person (he, she, it) in the affirmative form.

Examples:

he *speaks*
it *rains*

Remember to use 'does not' in the third person (he, she, it) in the negative form.
And the verb has no 's'.

Examples:

he *does not live*
she *does not help*

The Present Simple: Formation of 'to be'

10 min

'To be' is different:

Affirmative form ✓	Negative form ✗	Questions ?
I <i>am</i>	I <i>am not</i>	<i>Am</i> I?
he/she/it <i>is</i>	he/she/it <i>is not</i>	<i>Is</i> he/she/it?
you/we/they <i>are</i>	you/we/they <i>are not</i>	<i>Are</i> you/we/they?

Examples:

I *am* happy!
She *is* a doctor.

They **are not** in Liverpool this week.

Are we on time?

Is he your father?

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Examples:

I'm = I am

isn't = is not

aren't = are not

're not = are not

Writing Exercise 5 min

Complete the sentences with the present simple, affirmative form.

1. I _____ at the hospital. (to work)
2. Mick _____ a very good singer. (to be)
3. We _____ a new car. (to want)
4. This cat _____ quickly. (to eat)
5. They _____ my best friends. (to be)
6. You _____ orange juice. (to prefer)
7. Charlie _____ to Paris regularly. (to go)
8. Every weekend, we _____ golf. (to play)
9. My father _____ me how to play baseball. (to teach)
10. I _____ a mother. (to be)

Write the sentences in the present simple, negative form.

1. Joe takes the train to New York.

2. Lynn is a teacher.

3. You have 2 children.

4. This house has a garage.

5. They want to study their lesson.

6. We go to the beach every summer.

7. Their parents are very nice.

8. I am sure about this.

9. The student works very hard.

10. They live in Texas.

Write questions.

Example: Sam likes fast cars. Does Sam like fast cars?

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Speaking Exercise with the Instructor

5 min

Listen to your teacher say these sentences. Then, repeat.

1. Ben tries to play tennis.
2. Sue doesn't have a tennis racket.
3. She goes to the store.
4. She looks at all of the different models.
5. Finally, she chooses a good one.

Speaking Exercise with the Instructor

5 min

Listen to your teacher's questions. Then, answer.

Example: Are you Sylvia? No, I am Cynthia.

1. Is your name Paul?
2. Do you live in China?
3. Does your family live in France?
4. Are you married?
5. Do you work on Saturdays?

Speaking Exercise with the Instructor

5 min

Ask your teacher 3 questions.

1. Are you _____?
2. Do you _____?
3. _____?

Watch the Video!

10 min

With this video lesson, you will practice the present simple, in particular the negative form.

Watch the video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PqrRtVp8BOM>

Watch the video again. Complete the table:

to study, affirmative form	to study, negative form
I _____ (1)	I _____ (4)
he/she/it _____ (2)	he/she/it _____ (5)
we/you/they _____ (3)	we/you/they _____ (6)

Quiz

10 min

True or False?

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| 1. I use the present simple to speak about facts. | true | false |
| 2. I use the present simple to speak about repeated actions. | true | false |
| 3. I use the present simple to speak about yesterday. | true | false |
| 4. I don't use the present simple to speak about next year. | true | false |

Complete the dialogue:

Jane: Excuse me, _____ you speak English?

Franck: Yes, I _____.

Jane: Where _____ the museum of art?

Franck: Sorry, I _____ know.

Jane: _____ you American?

Franck: No, I _____ not. I _____ in Europe. I _____ a tourist, like you!

Choose the correct answer:

1. The baby _____ every night. (crys / cries)
2. He _____ to the gym on Tuesdays. (gos / goes)
3. My mother _____ home. (is'nt / isn't)
4. We _____ air conditioning at work. (don't have / haven't)
5. _____ you at the library? (is / are)
6. Laura _____ comedies. (likes / like)
7. Laura _____ horror movies. (don't likes / doesn't like)
8. I _____ at the airport. (work / doesn't work)