



Simple Present Tense

Review it!

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The simple present tense is used to talk about.

- a) Actions happening at this moment.
- b) Possibilities.
- c) Habits and routines.
- d) Actions that happened in the past.

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I brush my teeth every morning.

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Which of the following sentences is in the correct simple present tense form?

- a) She go to school every day.
- b) She goes to school every day.
- c) She going to school every day.
- d) She went to school every day.

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He eats breakfast at 7 AM.

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Which is a correct statement about forming questions in the simple present tense?

- a) Questions always start with the subject.
- b) Most questions in the simple present tense start with 'do' or 'does'.
- c) You add 's' to the verb in questions.
- d) Use 'did' to start a question in the simple present tense.

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Which sentence correctly uses the negative form of the simple present tense?

- a) They don't like coffee.
- b) They doesn't like coffee.
- c) They no like coffee.
- d) They not like coffee.

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He doesn't play football.

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Which form of the verb 'to be' is correct with 'we' in the simple present tense?

- a) We is
- b) We was a
- c) We am
- d) We are

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Statement: She is a doctor.

Question:

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Statement: They are at the park.

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Statement: I am on time.

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He ____ (to play) soccer every Saturday.

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You ____ (not/to like) vegetables.

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____ (to do) they work on Sundays?

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She ____ (to be) a doctor.

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We ____ (to go) to the park on weekends.

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Use the time markers.

(every day) People in Britain drink tea.

(always) The sun rises in the east.

(usually) She is tired after work.

Definition

We use the Present Simple to state facts, habits, timetables, and states that are true now or generally true. It uses the base verb (I/you/we/they) and **-s/-es** with **he/she/it**; questions/negatives use **do/does**.

Core uses

- Habits and routines: I **exercise** before work.
- General truths/facts: Water **boils** at 100°C.
- States (stative verbs): She **knows** the answer.
- Timetables/schedules: The train **leaves** at 7:30.
- Instructions/performatives: I **promise** to help.
- Zero conditionals: If you heat ice, it **melts**.

Position rules

- **Affirmative (main verbs):** Subject + base (**he/she/it** + verb + **-s/-es**).
- **Negatives:** Subject + **do/does not** + base (no **-s** on the base).
- **Yes/No questions:** **Do/Does** + subject + base.
- **Wh-questions:** Wh-word + **do/does** + subject + base.
- **Be (am/is/are):** No **do/does**. Negatives/questions move **be** (She **is not** ready / **Is** she ready?).
- **Adverbs of frequency (always/often/usually/rarely/never):** before main verb; after **be**.
- **Time expressions (every day, on Mondays, at 7):** start or end position.

Exceptions & caveats

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- Stative verbs (know, believe, love, own) rarely take **-ing**.
- After **do/does/don't/doesn't**, use the **base**: *doesn't like*, not *doesn't likes*.
- **Third-person spelling**: *go* → *goes*; *watch* → *watches*; *study* → *studies*.
- **Be** is irregular: *am/is/are*; use **isn't/aren't** for negatives.
- Use Present Simple for **scheduled future** events (timetables, programs).
- Subject questions: *Who runs the course?* (no **do/does**).

Mini table of forms

Pattern	Affirmative	Negative	Yes/No question	Example
Main verbs (I/you/we/they)	Subject + base	Subject + do not + base	Do + subject + base	We work / We do not work / Do you work ?
Main verbs (he/she/it)	Subject + base+ s/es	Subject + does not + base	Does + subject + base	She works / She does not work / Does she work ?
Be	<i>am/is/are</i>	<i>am not</i> / isn't/aren't	Am/Is/Are + subject	They are ready / They aren't ready / Are they ready?

3rd-person endings (quick guide):

+**s** (read→reads), +**es** (go→goes, watch→watches), **y** → **ies** (study→studies).

10 high-frequency items

Item	Meaning	Typical placement	Example (≤12 words; bold target)
Base verb	Habit/action	Subject + base	I work from home.
3rd person -s/-es	He/She/It ending	After 3rd-sg subject	She works late.
do (question)	Yes/No helper	Start of question	Do you drive?

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does (question)	Yes/No helper (3rd-sg)	Start of question	Does he live nearby?
don't	Negative (I/you/we/they)	Before base verb	They don't eat meat.
doesn't	Negative (3rd-sg)	Before base verb	He doesn't drink coffee.
am/is/are	Be for states	Before complement	They are at home.
Frequency adverb	How often	Before main / after be	She usually takes the bus.
Time phrase	Routine time marker	Start or end	We meet every day .
Zero conditional	General cause–effect	If + present, present	If it rains, traffic stops .

Do/Don't tips

1. **Do** add **-s/-es** with **he/she/it**.
2. **Don't** add **-s** after **does/doesn't**.
3. **Do** place adverbs before main verbs; **after be**.
4. **Don't** use **-ing** with stative meanings.
5. **Do** use Present Simple for **timetables/schedules**.
6. **Don't** use **do/does** with **be**; invert **be** directly.

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Rank	Item	Brief gloss (≤6 words)	CEFR level	Typical placement	Example (≤12 words; bold target)
1	Base verb (I/you/we/they)	Habit/routine action	A2	Subject + base verb	I work from home.
2	3rd person -s/-es	He/She/It verb ending	A2	3rd sg verb inflection	She works late on Fridays.
3	Negative: do not (don't)	Make simple negative	A2	do not + base	They do not eat meat.
4	Negative: does not (doesn't)	3rd sg simple negative	A2	does not + base	He doesn't like coffee.
5	Yes/No Q: do/does	Ask simple questions	A2	Do/Does + subject + base	Do you drive to work?
6	Wh- Q: do/does	Wh- + do/does questions	A2	Wh- + do/does + subject + base	Where do they shop?
7	Be: statements (am/is/are)	Identity/state now	A2	Subject + be + complement	They are at home.
8	Be: questions	Am/Is/Are questions	A2	Be before subject	Is she at home now?
9	Frequency adverbs (main verb)	How often (main verb)	A2	Before main verb	She usually takes the bus.
10	Frequency adverbs (after be)	How often with 'be'	A2	After "be"	They are often late.

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11	Have/has (possession)	Possession/relationships	A2	Subject + have/has + noun	She has two brothers.
12	Don't/doesn't have	Negate possession	A2	Do/does + not + have	They do not have a car.
13	Stative verbs (no -ing)	States, senses, thinking	B1	Base form with statives	I know the answer.
14	Time phrases (every, on)	Routine time markers	A2	Sentence start/end	We meet every day .
15	Zero conditional	General cause–effect	B1	If + present, present	If you heat ice, it melts .
16	Schedules/timetables	Future fixed times	B1	Subject + present + time	The train leaves at 7:30.
17	Wh- subject questions	Who/what as subject	B1	Wh-subject + base verb	Who cooks dinner here?
18	Short answers (do/does)	Yes/No replies	A2	Yes/No, pronoun + do/does	Do you run? Yes, I do .
19	General truths	Facts, laws, definitions	B1	Subject + base verb	Water boils at 100°C.
20	Performatives (speech acts)	Act by saying	C1	1st person present	I promise to pay you.

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- A2 | She **plays** the piano every day. | Daily routine action
A2 | They **eat** lunch at school. | Regular habit
A2 | My father **works** in a hospital. | Job fact
A2 | We **go** shopping on Saturdays. | Weekly habit
A2 | The sun **shines** in the morning. | General truth
A2 | I **like** chocolate ice cream. | Personal preference
A2 | Our teacher **speaks** English slowly. | Regular classroom action
A2 | The train **leaves** at six o'clock. | Scheduled fact
A2 | My dog **runs** in the park. | Pet routine
A2 | You **watch** TV in the evening. | Common habit
- B1 | Maria **studies** French three times a week. | Study routine
B1 | They **travel** abroad every summer holiday. | Repeated habit
B1 | This shop **opens** at nine every morning. | Fixed schedule
B1 | The bus **stops** near my apartment. | Everyday fact
B1 | He often **forgets** his homework. | Habitual behavior
B1 | The museum **closes** on Mondays. | Regular timetable
B1 | I sometimes **read** before bed. | Habitual activity
B1 | The company **employs** 200 workers. | Current fact
B1 | Birds **sing** loudly in spring. | Seasonal pattern
B1 | We rarely **drink** soda at home. | Habit frequency
- B2 | The manager **approves** all reports before release. | Work routine
B2 | Teachers **assess** students at the end of term. | Academic habit
B2 | The system **generates** reports automatically. | Technical fact
B2 | He frequently **attends** conferences in Europe. | Regular action
B2 | Our team **meets** every Thursday afternoon. | Work schedule
B2 | She usually **prefers** coffee to tea. | General preference
B2 | The library **provides** access to databases. | Institutional fact
B2 | Athletes **train** daily for competitions. | Sports routine
B2 | The website **updates** its news section hourly. | Regular update
B2 | The office **delivers** letters every morning. | Work habit
- C1 | The researcher **analyzes** data from multiple sources. | Academic fact
C1 | Parliament **debates** new laws every winter session. | Institutional routine
C1 | The author **explores** complex themes in her novels. | Literary habit
C1 | The firm **allocates** funds for innovation annually. | Business routine
C1 | He consistently **demonstrates** leadership at work. | Evaluative fact
C1 | The journal **publishes** articles on global health monthly. | Academic cycle
C1 | The orchestra **performs** twice a week in summer. | Cultural schedule
C1 | She typically **employs** metaphors in her speeches. | Stylistic choice
C1 | The committee **reviews** policy proposals each quarter. | Governance cycle
C1 | The scientist **predicts** climate trends using models. | Analytical habit

Exercises

[A2]

1. ____ you ____ (**work**) here?
2. She ____ (**work**) as a librarian.
3. They ____ (**prefer**) coffee to tea.
4. My brother ____ (**have**) two children.
5. We ____ (**go**) to the gym on Mondays.
6. ____ he ____ (**like**) spicy food?
7. The shop ____ (**open**) at nine.
8. I ____ (**work**) early shifts on weekdays.
9. There ____ (**be**) a problem with the printer.

[B1]

10. She ____ (**take**) the bus to work.
11. Where ____ they usually ____ (**have**) lunch?
12. If you heat ice, it ____ (**melt**).
13. The train ____ (**leave**) at 07:45 tomorrow.
14. Why ____ the team ____ (**need**) more time?
15. He rarely ____ (**make**) mistakes in reports.
16. How long ____ this course ____ (**last**)?
17. Our office ____ (**allow**) remote work on Fridays.
18. What time ____ the meeting ____ (**start**)?

[B2]

19. Company policy ____ (**require**) two-factor authentication for all logins.
20. Hardly ever ____ he ____ (**accept**) late submissions.
21. The evidence ____ (**leave**) no alternative explanation.
22. The tutorial ____ (**define**) key terms before the exercises.
23. Why ____ the results ____ (**differ**) from last year?
24. The CEO ____ (**send**) monthly updates by email.

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[C1]

25. The statute ____ (**stipulate**) that minors require consent.
 26. I hereby ____ (**agree**) to pay on delivery.
 27. Seldom ____ counsel ____ (**advise**) clients to waive rights.
 28. Only then ____ the board ____ (**approve**) expenditures.
 29. Under oath, the witness ____ (**swear**) to tell the truth.
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Answer Key

1. Do you work here?
2. She works as a librarian.
3. They prefer coffee to tea.
4. My brother has two children.
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6. Does he like spicy food?
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A. Add Present Simple

1. **Base:** She not drive to work.
Task: Add Present Simple auxiliary to form a negative.
 2. **Base:** He ____ football on Sundays.
Task: Add the Present Simple verb for the habit.
 3. **Base:** ____ your sister live nearby?
Task: Add the correct Present Simple question auxiliary.
 4. **Base:** They ____ breakfast at 7.
Task: Add Present Simple verb for a routine.
 5. **Base:** I ____ coffee, not tea.
Task: Add Present Simple verb expressing preference.
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B. Move Present Simple

6. **Base:** When you do finish the report?
Task: Move Present Simple auxiliary before the subject.
 7. **Base:** Why she does arrive late?
Task: Move Present Simple auxiliary before the subject.
 8. **Base:** He not does like spicy food.
Task: Move "does" to the correct position in the negative.
 9. **Base:** Where they do park the car?
Task: Move Present Simple auxiliary before the subject.
 10. **Base:** Do not I know the answer.
Task: Move "do not" after the subject.
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C. Replace with Present Simple

11. **Base:** She is knowing the answer.
Task: Replace progressive with Present Simple.
 12. **Base:** I am wanting a refund.
Task: Replace progressive with natural Present Simple.
 13. **Base:** He do goes to the gym.
Task: Replace incorrect doubling with correct Present Simple.
 14. **Base:** They are having a car.
Task: Replace progressive with Present Simple.
 15. **Base:** Does he has time?
Task: Replace incorrect verb form with correct Present Simple.
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D. Correct misuse

16. **Base:** She don't likes tea.
Task: Correct Present Simple agreement and negative form.
 17. **Base:** He do not understands me.
Task: Correct Present Simple negative form.
 18. **Base:** Does she goes by train?
Task: Correct Present Simple question form.
 19. **Base:** I am living here with my parents.
Task: Correct misuse of continuous; use Present Simple.
 20. **Base:** She very likes this song.
Task: Correct misuse ("very"); use natural Present Simple.
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Answer Sheet

1. She does not drive to work.

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2. He plays football on Sundays.
3. Does your sister live nearby?
4. They eat breakfast at 7.
5. I prefer coffee, not tea.
6. When do you finish the report?
7. Why does she arrive late?
8. He does not like spicy food.
9. Where do they park the car?
10. I do not know the answer.
11. She knows the answer.
12. I want a refund.
13. He goes to the gym.
14. They have a car.
15. Does he have time?
16. She doesn't like tea.
17. He does not understand me.
18. Does she go by train?
19. I live here with my parents.
20. She really likes this song.

Email

Hi Mira, quick update. Our team deliver reports on Fridays, so I schedule the handoff then. I am believing the client prefers a one-page summary. You review the draft today, or need more time? Let me know before noon. Thanks in advance.

Review

I visit this café weekly. The coffee taste burnt, and the staff often arrive late to open. The manager don't listen to feedback, and he rarely explain the menu. Prices look fair, but the dining room is clean. I hope they improve soon.

Message

Hi, quick question about the repair. When the plumber arrive? The tap don't stop dripping, and the noise keeps me awake. I am thinking the leak gets worse each night. Could you confirm the time window today, please? I stay home until noon to let them in.

Report

Weekly summary: The logistics report suggest two supplier issues. The dataset not include weekend returns, so totals appear lower. Finance approve small purchases within one day, but larger orders wait for sign-off. The warehouse processes goods daily, and drivers start routes at six. Please review and flag discrepancies by tomorrow morning.

Announcement

Reminder for all staff: The office close at six, and the elevators stop at 6:10. Do employees needs badges for weekend entry? Reception says temporary passes sit at the desk. Security checks often happens at random, so keep ID visible. Report any issues; Facilities respond quickly during business hours.

Policy

Policy update: Customers submits forms online using the portal. Does the system logs requests automatically, or staff enter them manually? We are preferring electronic copies of receipts; paper causes delays. Finance reviews claims weekly, and approvals go out on Fridays. Please follow the checklist and contact support if anything seems unclear.

Social Post

New update rolling out today. Our app do send alerts faster now, and the dashboard load instantly. Why users report crashes this week? Please restart after updating. The support team answers within an hour and posts solutions in comments. Thanks for your patience while we squash the last issues.

Guide

Planning a morning visit? The museum open at ten, and the café serves breakfast until noon. Does visitors need tickets in advance on weekdays? We recommend you are booking online to avoid queues. Guided tours run daily, and the gift shop offers local crafts. Check the website for seasonal exhibitions and closures.

Answer Sheet

Email

- Correction: *Our team **delivers** reports on Fridays... I **believe** the client prefers... **Do** you review the draft today...*
- Reasons:
 - deliver → **delivers**: singular collective noun takes -s.
 - am believing → **believe**: stative verb uses present simple.
 - You review? → **Do you review?**: add auxiliary for questions.

Review

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- Correction: *The coffee **tastes** burnt... The manager **doesn't** listen... he rarely **explains** the menu...*
- Reasons:
 - taste → **tastes**: 3rd person singular agreement.
 - don't → **doesn't**: he/she/it uses doesn't.
 - explain → **explains**: 3rd person singular takes -s.

Message

- Correction: *Does the plumber arrive? The tap **doesn't** stop dripping... I **think** the leak gets worse...*
- Reasons:
 - When the plumber arrive? → **Does the plumber arrive?**: add do-support.
 - don't → **doesn't**: 3rd person singular negative.
 - am thinking → **think**: stative verb, simple form.

Report

- Correction: *The logistics report **suggests**... The dataset **does not include**... Finance **approves** small purchases...*
- Reasons:
 - suggest → **suggests**: singular noun "report" needs -s.
 - not include → **does not include**: add auxiliary for negatives.
 - approve → **approves**: department as singular subject.

Announcement

- Correction: *The office **closes** at six... Do employees **need** badges... Security checks often **happen** at random...*

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- Reasons:
 - close → **closes**: 3rd person singular verb.
 - needs → **need**: plural subject “employees.”
 - happens → **happen**: plural subject “checks.”

Policy

- Correction: *Customers **submit** forms online... Does the system **log** requests... We **prefer** electronic copies...*
- Reasons:
 - submits → **submit**: plural subject “customers.”
 - logs → **log**: base form after does.
 - are preferring → **prefer**: preference uses present simple.

Social Post

- Correction: *Our app **sends** alerts... the dashboard **loads** instantly... Why **do** users report crashes...*
- Reasons:
 - do send → **sends**: 3rd person singular form.
 - load → **loads**: 3rd person singular verb.
 - Why users report → **Why do users report**: add do-support.

Guide

- Correction: *The museum **opens** at ten... **Do** visitors need tickets... We recommend you **book** online...*
- Reasons:

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- open → **opens**: 3rd person singular agreement.
- Does visitors → **Do visitors**: plural subject needs “do.”
- are booking → **book**: bare infinitive after “recommend.”