

Simple Present_Formation and exercises

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The simple present

Remember: We use the simple present when...

- a) we talk about something that happens repeatedly. Signal words could be: *never, often, always, usually, every Saturday...*
- b) we talk about *timetables*.
- c) we talk about *habits* or our *job skills in general*.
- d) we talk about *facts*.

Task 1: Read the following sentences and match them with the explanations a)-d).

Sentence	explanation (letter)
1. Sydney is a big city in Australia.	d
2. I often go to bed after midnight.	a
3. Our plane takes off at 09:15.	b
4. Sarah speaks four languages.	c/d
5. She even knows some Chinese.	c/d
6. We go camping every summer.	c
7. The bus to Munich leaves at 10:30.	b

Forming the simple present

I play football.
 You _____ football.
 He / She / It **plays** football.
 We play football.
 You _____ football.
 They play football.

I don't play football.
 You **don't** _____ football.
 He / She / It **doesn't** play football.
 We don't _____ football.
 You _____ play football.
 They don't _____ football.

Do I play football?
 _____ you play football?
Does he / she / it play football?
 Do we play football?
 _____ you play football?
 Do they play football?

Yes, I do. / No, I _____.
 Yes, you do. / No, you don't.
 Yes, she **does**. / No, she _____.
 Yes, we do. / No, we _____.
 Yes, you do. / No, you don't.
 Yes, they do. / No, they _____.

Task 2: Complete the following sentences using the following verbs.

to cause to drink to close to open to speak to take place to live

1. Anne speaks German very well.
2. I never drink coffee.
3. The swimming pool opens at 9 o'clock and closes at 18.30 every day.
4. Bad driving causes many accidents.
5. My parents live in a very small flat.
6. The Olympic Games take place every year.

Task 3: Change the following positive sentences into negative sentences.

1. Jane drinks tea very often.
Jane doesn't drink tea very often.
2. Jane eats breakfast in the morning.
Jane doesn't eat breakfast in the morning.
3. Jane has a tattoo and her boyfriend likes it.
Jane doesn't have a tattoo and her boyfriend doesn't like it.
4. Jane's parents live close to Jane.
Jane's parents don't live close to Jane.
5. Jane's uncle picks her up at her house in the morning and drives her to work.
Jane's uncle doesn't pick her up at her house and drives her to work.

Task 4: Make questions.

1. Does Jane drink tea very often?
a. Yes, Jane drinks tea very often.
2. Does Jane eat breakfast in the morning?
a. Yes, Jane eats breakfast in the morning.
3. Do Jane's parents live in NY?
a. No, Jane's parents don't live in New York.

Task 5: Put the verbs in the correct form.

1. Anne works (to work) in a language school in London.
2. She is (to be) a teacher.
3. She teaches (to teach) English.
4. Her students come (to come) from all over the world.
5. They want to (to want to) learn English.
6. Anne usually goes (to go) to school by bus.
7. On the bus she has (to have) time to grade a few tests.

Task 6: Make negative sentences.

1. The children aren't (not, to be) tired. They don't want to (not, to want to) go to bed.
2. Amy doesn't have (not, to have) any brothers or sisters.
3. I don't drink (not, to drink) coffee.
4. Paul doesn't like (not, to like) biology.
5. I am not (not, to be) from England.
6. Sarah and Tom aren't (not, to be) from the USA.

Task 7: Ask questions.

1. you / to speak / English → Do you speak English ?
2. when / the train / to arrive → When does the train arrive ?
3. Billy / to work / in the supermarket → Does Billy work in the supermarket ?
4. they / to like/ Lady Gaga? → Do they like Lady Gaga ?