

UNIT 3

Lesson 1

The simple present tense: usage and form

Usage

Use the simple present tense to talk about facts and habitual actions in the present.

facts

Josh **speaks** Spanish very well.

They **work** at Coffee Central.

habitual actions

Josh **speaks** Spanish every day.

They **work** late on Fridays.

Form

Add **-s** to the base form of the verb for third-person singular (he, she, or it).

I **like** Thai food.

He **likes** Peruvian food.

You **study** English.

She **studies** French.

They **open** at 6:00.

The store **opens** at 8:00.

We **work** at a café.

Marlene **works** at a school.

Negative forms

Use **don't** (do not) or **doesn't** (does not) + the base form of a verb to make negative statements.

I **don't like** American food. He **doesn't like** Greek food.

Yes / no questions

Use **do** or **does** + the base form of a verb to form **yes / no** questions.

Do you **speak** Portuguese? **Does** she **speak** French? NOT Does she **speaks** French?

A Write negative statements.

- 1 Gwen likes classical music. (her sister) ... *Her sister doesn't like classical music.*
- 2 The café closes at 6:00. (the bookstore)
- 3 Neal lives in Quito. (his sister)
- 4 Miles works in an office. (his brother)
- 5 I have a big family. (my husband)
- 6 My younger brother speaks Chinese. (I)
- 7 Kiko's nephew likes hip-hop. (her niece)

B Write yes / no questions.

- 1 A: *Does your sister live* near you?
B: No, she doesn't. She lives in another city.
- 2 A: drink coffee?
B: No, he doesn't. My brother drinks tea.
- 3 A: children?
B: No. We don't have any yet.
- 4 A: in Mexico?
B: No. My in-laws live in Chile.
- 5 A: English?
B: Yes, she does. My niece speaks it well.
- 6 A: work here?
B: Yes, they do. My cousins work downstairs.
- 7 A: early?
B: No. The bookstore opens late.

UNIT 3 Lesson 2

Information questions in the simple present tense: form and common errors

Do and does

Use **do** or **does** + the base form of a verb to ask information questions.

Where **do** your in-laws **live**?

Where **does** your sister-in-law **live**?

When **do** you **visit** your cousins?

When **does** she **visit** her nieces?

How often **do** they **go** to class?

How often **does** he **go** to class?

Questions with Who

Compare these questions with **Who**.

Who visits your aunt in Chicago?

My mother does. (My mother = subject)

Who does your mother visit in Chicago?

My mother visits **my aunt**. (my aunt = object)

Be careful! Don't use **do** or **does** with **Who** if the question is about the subject. Always use the third-person singular form to ask questions with **Who** about the subject.

Who **lives** here? NOT Who ~~does live~~ here? NOT Who ~~live~~ here?

How many

Be careful! Always use **How many** with plural nouns.

How many cousins do you have? NOT How many ~~cousin~~ do you have?

Complete the information questions.

1 A: your uncle?

B: He's a doctor.

2 A: your in-laws?

B: They live in Seoul.

3 A: cousins?

B: I have ten of them.

4 A: your parents?

B: I visit them every weekend.

5 A: your stepsister?

B: She lives across the street.

6 A: speaks Russian?

B: My brother-in-law does.

7 A: your niece with?

B: She lives with my aunt.

8 A: you?

B: I study late at night.

9 A: has three kids?

B: My younger sister does.

10 A: your older brother?

B: He studies in London.