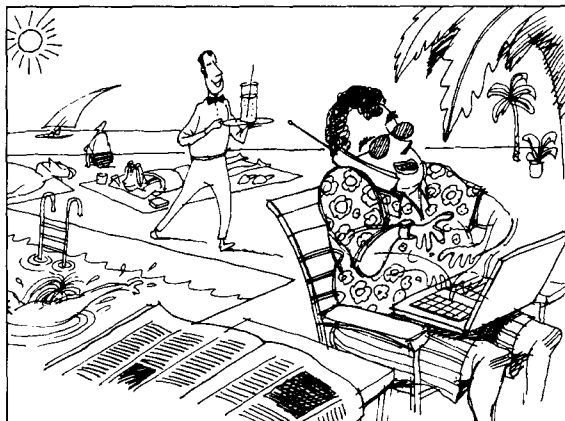


UNIT 2

Simple Present Tense



Hank **is** always in a hurry and he **does** everything at once.



He **works** all the time—he never **relaxes**.

CHECK POINT

Check the best title for the cartoons.

- ☐ Hank at Work This Week
☐ Hank's Working Habits

CHART CHECK

Circle T (True) or F (False).

T F The form for **he/she/it** ends with **-s**.

T F Negative statements have **do not** or **does not** before the base form.

T F Questions have **do** or **does** after the subject.

AFFIRMATIVE STATEMENTS

SUBJECT	VERB
I/We/You*/They	work.
He/She/It	works.

*You is both singular and plural.

NEGATIVE STATEMENTS

SUBJECT	Do NOT	BASE FORM
I/We/You/They	do not	work.
He/She/It	does not	

YES/NO QUESTIONS

Do	SUBJECT	BASE FORM
Do	you	work?
Does	he	

SHORT ANSWERS

AFFIRMATIVE			NEGATIVE		
Yes,	I	do.	No,	I	don't.
	he	does.		he	doesn't.

WH- QUESTIONS			
WH- WORD	Do	SUBJECT	BASE FORM
Where	do	you	work?
When	does	he	

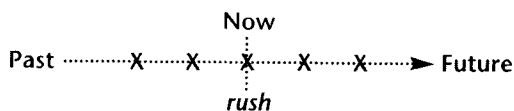
EXPRESS CHECK

Unscramble these words to complete the question.

rush • Why • he • does _____ all the time?

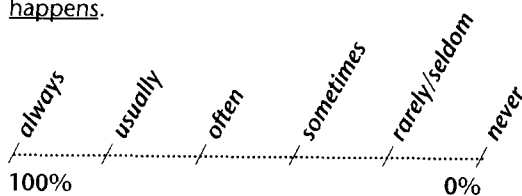
Grammar Explanations**Examples**

1. Use the **simple present tense** to talk about what regularly happens.



- Some people **rush** through life.
- They **don't relax**.
- Other people **are** calm.
- They **don't feel** tense.

2. Use **adverbs of frequency** with the simple present tense to express how often something happens.



- She **never relaxes**.
- You **usually take** life easier.
- We **sometimes sleep** late.
- They **seldom take** a vacation.

- **BE CAREFUL!** Adverbs of frequency usually come before the main verb, but they go after the verb **be**.

- We **usually rush** around too much.
- We're **often** stressed out.

3. Use the **simple present tense** to talk about scientific facts.

- Stress **causes** high blood pressure.
- Water **freezes** at 32°F.

Check it out!

For spelling rules for the third person singular (*he/she/it*) of the simple present tense, see Appendix 20 on page 343.

For pronunciation rules for the third person singular (*he/she/it*) of the simple present tense, see Appendix 27 on page 348.

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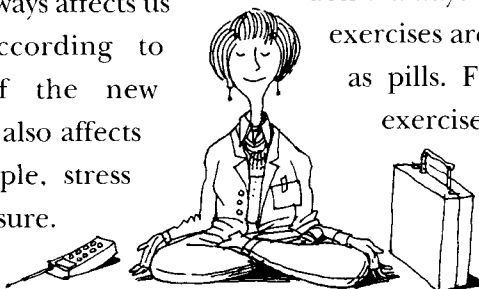
IDENTIFY • Read this part of a book review. Underline the simple present tense verbs. Circle the adverbs of frequency.

Books Section 10

CALM DOWN!

 By Dr. Sara Roads

In today's fast-paced world, we never escape stress. Stress always affects us psychologically, but according to Dr. Roads, author of the new bestseller, *Calm Down!*, it also affects us physically. For example, stress causes high blood pressure. Doctors often prescribe



medication for stress-related illnesses. Medicine usually lowers a patient's blood pressure. But, Dr. Roads claims, "You don't always need pills. Relaxation exercises are sometimes as effective as pills. For example, breathing exercises both relax you and lower your blood pressure. It only takes a few minutes!"

2

COMPLETE • Megan and Greg have completely different types of personality (A and B). Read about one, write about the other.

Type A: Megan

- Megan **doesn't relax** easily.
- She doesn't take time to enjoy the moment.
- Megan and her boyfriend never **take** vacations.
- She _____ through the day.
- She **is** nervous.
- She **is** always in a hurry.
- She **finishes** other people's sentences for them.
- She _____ a lot.
- She _____ enough time to finish things.
- Megan **has** high blood pressure due to stress.

Type B: Greg

- Greg _____ relaxes easily.
- He **takes** time to enjoy the moment.
- Greg and his girlfriend often _____ vacations.
- He **doesn't rush** through the day.
- He _____ nervous.
- He _____ never in a hurry.
- He _____ other people's sentences for them.
- He **doesn't worry** a lot.
- He **has** enough time to finish things.
- Greg _____ high blood pressure due to stress.



ASK & ANSWER • Todd is an accountant. Look at his schedule. Write questions and answers about his day.

MONDAY
NOVEMBER 18

6:00–7:00 get up, exercise	12:00–12:30 lunch
8:00–9:00 work on reports	12:30–5:00 return phone calls
9:00–12:00 see clients	5:30–7:00 attend night school

1. When / get up?

When does he get up?

He gets up at 6:00.

2. exercise in the morning?

Does he exercise in the morning?

Yes, he does.

3. work on reports in the afternoon?

4. When / see clients?

5. take a lunch break?

6. What / do / from 12:30 to 5:00?

7. Where / go / at 5:30?



EDIT • Read Todd's journal entry. Find and correct ten mistakes in the use of the simple present tense. The first mistake is already corrected.

○	<p>never have I'm so tired. I have never time to relax. I work all day and studies all night. My boss tell me that I need a vacation. I agree, but I afraid to take one. Does my boss thinks that the office can function without me? I dont want them to think I'm not necessary. But my wife is unhappy too. She complain that she never sees me anymore. My schedule are crazy. I don't think I can keep this up much longer. I don't wants to quit night school, though. I think often that there has to be a better way.</p>
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