**Present Simple**

The Present Simple tense is used

1. to show actions which happen regularly and as a habit

*I often buy green apples.*

*Children play football every afternoon.*

1. universal truths i.e. things that we know are always true

*The snow melts when it gets warm.*

*It is cold in the north.*

1. For thoughts and feelings

*I think our team is the best.*

*I feel cold.*

*The meal tastes great.*

The verb **to be.**

Use am/is/are in present simple for the verb **to be**

I am We are

You are You are

He/she/it is They are

Never use **to be** with another verb in present simple.

*I am have breakfast at 9 a.m.- wrong*

*I have breakfast at 9 a.m. - right.*

*She is does morning exercises. - wrong.*

*She does morning exercises - right.*

Other verbs. Have / has to be added

For Present Simple we use the verb in 1st form in affirmative sentences.

*I like coffee.*

*He drives very carefully.*

In third person singular (he, she, is) -s or -es is added to the verb. If the verb ends in -**e,** add **s**

*Tak****e+s =*** *tak****es***

*Mak****e+s =*** *mak****es***

If the verb ends in sh, ch, o, x, z add **es**

***Do - does***

*Wat****ch -*** *watch****es***

If the verb ends in **y** after a single consonant at the end of the word change **y** to **i+ es**.

*Stu****dy*** *- stud****ies***

*Tr****y*** *- tr****ies***

**-y** after a vowel does not change

*Play - pla****ys***

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For interrogative and negative sentences use **do/don’t** for **I, you, we, they** and **does/doesn’t** for **he, she, it**

**Affirmative**

I like coffee We like coffee

You like coffee You like coffee

He/she/it like**s** coffee They like coffee

**Interrogative**

Do I like coffee? Do we like coffee?

Do you like coffee? Do you like coffee?

**Does** he/she/it **like** coffee? Do they like coffee?

**Short and long negative answers**

No, I don’t. No, I don’t like coffee.

No, you don’t. No, you don’t like coffee.

No, he/she/it doesn’t. No, he/she/it doesn’t like coffee.

No, we don’t. No, we don’t like coffee.

No, you don’t. No, you don’t like coffee.

No, they don’t. No, they don’t like coffee.

Words like ***always, often, usually, sometimes, seldom, never, ever, hardly ever,*** are typically used with Present Simple. In sentences they go after **to be** but before **other verbs.**

*I* ***always buy*** *fresh vegetables here.*

*I* ***am always*** *late.*

*They* ***seldom visit*** *us.*

*They* ***are seldom*** *home.*