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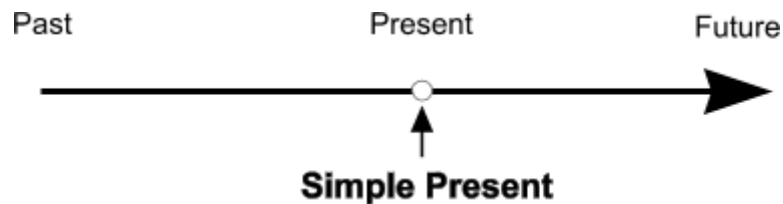
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Simple present is also called present simple. The simple present expresses an action in the present taking place regularly, never or several times. It is also used for actions that take place one after another and for actions that are set by a timetable or schedule. The simple present also expresses facts in the present. The simple present is used to narrate routine events or daily habits that occur with a certain regularity. It is common for these narrations to include adverbs and conjunctions of time and frequency (before, after, usually, generally, always, often, frequently, normally, sometimes, occasionally, rarely, never, among others)."



1. Use the present simple for:

- **things that are always or usually true**
It never **rains** in Cairo.
- **regular or repeated events**
They **walk** to school together.
- **states, with verbs such as feel, hate, know, like, look, love, prefer, think, understand, want**
We **think** she's 15. Maybe you **know** her.

2. **Affirmative statement.** Use the infinitive without **to** with I, you, we and they. Add **-s** with he, she, it.

Affirmative statement	
I/You/We/They	think
He/She/It	thinks

3. Spelling of the final **-s**:

- With most verbs, just add **-s** after the verb.
think → he **thinks**
- After verbs which end -o,- ch, -sh, -ss, -x, add **-es**.
go → she **goes**
do → he **does**
catch → he **catches**
push → she **pushes**
miss → it **misses**
fix → she **fixes**

- When the verb ends in **consonant + -y**, drop the **-y** and add **-ies**.
fly → the bird **flies**.
- But add **-s** when ends in **vowel + -y**.
play → he **plays**
enjoy → she **enjoys**
- Irregular forms:
have → he **has**

4. To make **negative forms** in the present simple, use **don't** and **doesn't** + the infinitive form without **to** of the verb.

They **don't have** black and white fur.

A mother gorilla **doesn't have** many babies.

Negative statement	
I/You/We/They	do not (don't) believe
He/She/It	does not (doesn't) believe

5. To make a question, use **do** or **does** in front of the subject.

Do you **like** zoos?

Does the park **cost** a lot of money?

6. Use **do** or **does** in the affirmative short answer and **don't** or **doesn't** in the negative short answer.

Yes, I **do**.

No, he **doesn't**.

Question (?)			short answer ✓✗
Do	I/You/We/They	like ...?	Yes, (I) do . No, (I) don't .
Does	he/She/It	like ...?	Yes, (he) does . No, (he) doesn't .