



Simple Present Tense

Tutor Annotated Lesson

STEP 1: Assessment

- What do you know about the simple present tense?

Useful Expressions

- How do you say _____ in English?
- Could you repeat, please?
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STEP 2: Theory

TIP **FORM:** Conjugate the verb “work” in the simple present tense in the chart below.

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I	work	I	don't work					
You	work	You	don't work	Do	you	work ?	Yes,	I do
He/She/It	works	He/She/It	doesn't work	Does	he	work ?	No,	he doesn't
We	work	We	don't work					
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TIP **USE:** When do you use the simple present tense? Which sentence below is a fact and which one is a habit?

1. He walks to school every day. a fact a habit
2. The Earth has one moon. a fact a habit

TIP **KEYWORDS:** Keywords tell you what verb tense to use. What keywords are used with simple present tense?

every day, every night, every year,

always, usually, often, sometimes, rarely, never

once a year, twice a month, on Tuesdays

Important

- Click on “TIP” for more keywords.
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STEP 3: Controlled and Communicative Exercises

Affirmative and Negative

EXERCISE 1: Highlight the keywords and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the simple present tense. Then, answer the questions.

1. Marie usually (eat) lunch at the cafeteria.

- Is the sentence a habit or a fact? Why? *"Habit" because of the keyword "usually."*
- Why is there an "s" at the end of the verb "eat"? *"He" is a third-person singular subject.*
- Where do you usually eat lunch?

Tutor Note

- Don't ask the "why" questions if your tutee's answers are correct.

2. Humans (spend) one third of their life sleeping.

- Is the sentence a habit or a fact? *"Fact" because it's a general truth.*
- Do you usually sleep eight hours a night?

3. Jim (see, not) his girlfriend every night.

- Why is the auxiliary "does"? *Jim*

The auxiliary has to agree with the 3rd person singular subject "Jim."

- Why does the verb "see" not have an "s" at the end? *does*

When the auxiliary is conjugated, the main verb is not, so there is no "s" at the end of "exercise" because the "s" is in the auxiliary "does."

- Do you see your friends every night?

4. Farah often (have) classes on Thursdays.

- Which days do you have classes?

TIP

Note

- The verb "have" has irregular spelling in the simple present tense.



Adverbs of Frequency

EXERCISE 2: Look at the position of “usually” in the sentences below.
Then, choose the correct word to complete the adverb of frequency rules.

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EXERCISE 3: Fill in the blanks with the verb and adverb of frequency. Then, ask each other the personal questions and respond in complete sentences. If necessary, click on **TIP** for **Simple Present Tense- Spelling and Pronunciation Rules**.

1. She (**worry, rarely**) **rarely worries** about school.

- Why is “rarely” placed before the verb? *The verb is not “be.”*
- Why does the ending of “worry” change to “ies”? *Change “y” to “ies” with verbs that end in a consonant + “y.”*
- How often do you worry about school?

2. They (**be, usually**) **are usually** at home in the evenings.

- Why is “usually” placed after the verb? *The main verb is “be.”*
- How often are you at home in the evenings?

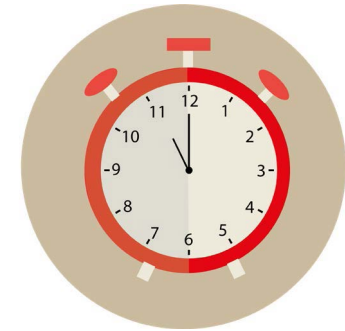
3. My father (**watch, never**) **never watches** TV in English.

- Why is “es” added to “watch” in the third person singular instead of just “s”? *Add “es” to verbs that end in “sh” and o, s, ch, x, or z. You can also demonstrate that if you just add “s” it would be hard to pronounce.*
- How often does your father watch TV in English?

Yes/No Questions and Short Answers

EXERCISE 4: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate auxiliary “do” or “does” and a short answer (e.g., Yes, I do). Then, ask each other the information questions and respond in complete sentences.

- 1.** **Do** you eat lunch every day? **Yes, I do /No, I don't**
 - What do you often eat for lunch?
- 2.** **Do** you go to school full time? **Yes, I do /No, I don't**
 - What class do you like the best?
- 3.** **Does** your alarm clock always ring at 11 a.m. on Mondays? **Yes, it does/ No, it doesn't**
 - What time does your alarm clock go off on Mondays?
- 4.** **Do** your teachers give you a lot of homework? **Yes, they do/ they don't**
 - How many hours do you spend on homework every week?



Vocabulary Review

- What new words have you learned so far today?

STEP 4: Production task

EXERCISE 5: Play *Simple Present Tic-Tac-Toe*.

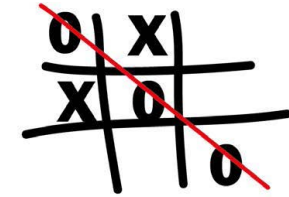
Instructions

1. The first player marks an "X" in one of the squares and makes a true statement about themselves in the simple present tense with the vocabulary provided and a keyword.
2. Then, they ask their partner a yes/no question using the same vocabulary.

Example: *I rarely eat eggs for breakfast. Do you eat eggs for breakfast?*

3. The second player marks an "O" and follows the same instructions.
4. The first player to get three in a row wins.

eat eggs for breakfast	run on a treadmill	go to the library
watch the news	binge-watch a TV show	take a nap
have nightmares	drive over the speed limit	play cards



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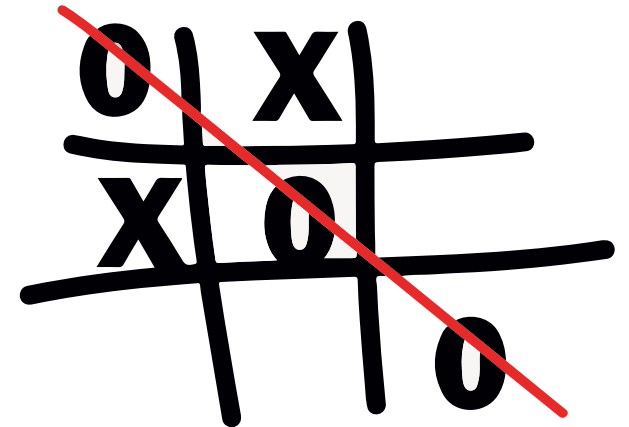
- Practise by asking follow-up questions to find out more details about each other's answers. The real winner is the person who speaks the most !

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EXERCISE 6: Follow the same instructions as in Exercise 5, but make statements and ask questions about someone else. Decide before you start who you will talk about.

Example: *My brother never does laundry. Does your _____ do laundry?*

do laundry	volunteer at a homeless shelter	ski at Mont Tremblant
shovel the driveway	cook dinner	watch basketball
bake cakes	listen to heavy metal music	use twitter



Important

- Write down the words you learned today and study them.

STEP 5: Final Review

- What new words did you learn today?
- Conjugate the verb “study” orally in the simple present tense in the chart below.

Tutor Note

- Ask, “how do you say ...” questions with the new vocabulary the tutee doesn’t mention.

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	YES/NO QUESTION	SHORT ANSWER
He <i>studies</i>	He <i>doesn't study</i>	<i>Does</i> he <i>study</i> ?	No, <i>he doesn't</i>

- When do you use the simple present tense? *habits and facts*
- What keywords do you use with the simple present tense? *every day, adverbs of frequency*

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 **Simple Present Tense – Form**

Auxiliaries: do / does don't (do not) doesn't (does not)

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				base form					
I	work	I	don't	Do	I		No,	you	don't
You	work	You	don't	Do	you		Yes	I	do
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We	work	We	don't	Do	we		No,	you	don't
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Simple Present Tense - Use	
a. <u>Habits</u> (regular actions)	I get up at 7:00 AM every day.
b. <u>Facts</u> (things which are known to be true)	Water freezes at 0° C.

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Simple Present Tense - Spelling		
visit → <u>visits</u>	Add s to most verbs.	
wash → <u>washes</u>	Add es if the verb ends in <u>o, s, ch, sh, x, or z</u> .	
study → <u>studies</u>	Change the y to <u>i</u> and add es if a verb ends in a consonant + y .	
Third Person Singular “s” Pronunciation		
“s”	“z”	“iz”
likes	goes	watches
gets	tries	misses
makes	reads	loses

and respond
ion Rules.

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