

Present Simple Tense

What Is the Present Simple?

The **Present Simple** is a tense used to describe:

- *Regular or habitual actions*
- *Facts or general truths*
- *Scheduled events (often in the near future)*
- *Instructions or directions*

Structure

Affirmative Sentences

Subject + base verb (+ s/es for *he, she, it*)

Subject	Verb	Example
I/You/We/They	play	<i>We play football every weekend.</i>
He/She/It	plays	<i>She plays the piano.</i>

Negative Sentences

Subject + do/does not + base verb

Subject	Auxiliary	Example
I/You/We/They	do not (don't)	<i>They don't watch TV.</i>
He/She/It	does not (doesn't)	<i>He doesn't like coffee.</i>

Questions

Do/Does + subject + base verb?

Question Word	Auxiliary	Subject	Verb	Example
—	Do	you	read?	<i>Do you read books?</i>
—	Does	she	work?	<i>Does she work here?</i>
Where	do	they	live?	<i>Where do they live?</i>

When to Use the Present Simple

1. Habits and Routines

- *I wake up at 7 a.m. every day.*
- *He drinks coffee in the morning.*

2. General Truths and Facts

- *Water boils at 100°C.*
- *The Earth orbits the sun.*

3. Scheduled Events (e.g. timetables)

- *The train leaves at 9 p.m.*
- *School starts in September.*

4. Instructions and Directions

- *You turn left at the traffic light.*
- *First, mix the flour with sugar.*

Time Expressions Commonly Used

- every day/week/year
- always, usually, often, sometimes, rarely, never
- on Mondays, in the morning, at night
- once/twice a week

Example: *She usually walks to school.*

Practice Sentences

Fill in the blanks:

1. She _____ (watch) TV every night.
2. We _____ (not/go) to school on Sundays.
3. _____ you _____ (like) pizza?
4. The sun _____ (rise) in the east.