

## Lesson one : Present tense in English

### Present simple:

Lisa is speaking about herself. Observe the following statements:

- 1- My name **is** Lisa
- 2- I **am** 22 years old
- 3- I **m** American. I'm from Chicago.
- 4- My father **is** a doctor and my mother is a journalist.
- 5- I **m** interested in arts.
- 6- I **m** not interested in politics.

#### Positive

I	am	I'm
He, she, it	is	He's , she's, it's
We, you, they	are	We're, they're, you're

#### Short forms

#### Negative

I	Am not	I'm not
He, she, it	Is not	He's not/he isn't, she's not/she isn't, it's not/it isn't
We, you, they	Are not	We're not/we aren't, you're not/ you aren't, they're not/ they aren't.

## Short forms

-I **feel** cold, would you like to close the door?

-I'm 33 years old; my sister is 35.

- Ann and I **are** good colleagues.

-I'm tired, but I feel better.

-It's sunny today, but it's not warm.

\***that's =that is**

**there's=there is**

**here's=here is**

-Thank you. That's very kind of you

-Look! **There is** Chris

-**Here's** your key. Thank you

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## Am/is/are in questions

### Positive

I	am
She, he ,it	Is
We, you, they	Are

### Questions

am	I?
is	She, he it?
Are	We, you, they?

-**Am** I late? No, you **are** on time.

-Is your sister at work? No, she **isn't**.

-Is it cold in your room? Yes, a little.

-Your shoes **are** beautiful, are they new? Yes, they **are**.

**\*We say:**

-Is she at home? Is your sister at home? (Not Is at home your mother?)

-Are they new? Are your shoes new? (Not are new your shoes?)

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**Where.....?    What.....?    Who.....?    How.....?    Why.....?**

-Where is your mother ? She is home. ( we use where to ask about place)

-Where are you from? I am from Canada

-How are your parents? Are they well? ( we use how to ask about quantity)

-This motel is not very nice. Why is it so expensive? ( we use why to ask about reason)

-What colour is your dress? It's green.

What's= what is                      who's=who is                      how's= how is

where's=where is

-What's the time?

-Who's that person?

-How much is it?

Where's Amy?

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**Short answers**

Yes	I	Am
Yes	She,he,it	Is
Yes	We,you,they	Are

No	I'm	not
No	She's, he's, it's	not
No	We,re, you're,they're	not

-Are you tired? **Yes, I am.** (short answer)

Are you hungry? **No, I'm not.**

-Are these your keys? **Yes, they're.**

**I do/work/like...**

**Examples:**

-We **read** a lot.

-They **have** a lot of books.

-They **read** a lot.

-He **likes** the ice cream.

\*I/we/you/they: read, like, work, live....

\*He/she/it: reads, likes, works, lives....

Remember: he works, she lives, it rains

-I work in a shop. My brother works in a bank

-Lucy lives in London. Her parents live in Scotland.

-It rains a lot in winter.

**\*I have he/she/it has**

**N.B. we use the present simple for things that are true in general, or for things that happens all the time or sometimes. Examples:**

- I work all the time.

-We do a lot of different things in our free time.

**\*Always/never/often/usually/sometimes+ present simple . Eg: I never eat breakfast, Mark usually plays football on Sundays.**

**\*The present negative is don't or doesn't**

I,we,you,they	Work, like, live ,eat
He, she,it	Works, likes, lives, eats

I,we,you,they	Don't, do not work, like, live
He, she, it	Doesn't, does not work, like, live

-I drink coffe, but I don't drink tea.

- Sue drinks tea, but she doesn't drink coffee.

-Sometimes he is late, but it doesn't happen very often.

**\*Do you? Present simple questions**

We use do and does in present simple questions

**Positive**

I, we, you, they	Work, like, do, have
He, she, it	Works, likes, does, has

## Questions

Do	I,we,you,they work, like, live?
Does	He, she, it work, like, live?

### Do, does+subject+infinitive

	Do	You	Play	The guitar?
	Do	Your friends	Live	Near here?
	Does	Chris	Work	On Sundays?
	Does	It	Rain	A lot here?
Where	Do	Your parents	Live?	
How often	Do	You	Wash	Your hair?
What	Does	This word	Mean?	
How much	Does	It	Cost	To fly to Rome?

### Questions with always and usually

What	Does	Chris	Always work	On Sunadys ?
What	Do	You	Usually do	At weekends?

-What do you do? = What's your job? Eg: What do you do? I work in a bank.

### Short answers

Yes	I/we/they/you do
yes	He/she/it does

No	I/we/they/you don't
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No	He/she/it doesn't
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Practice :

**A-** Complete the following sentences with the right form of the verb: cost, go, know, rain, see, use, wear:

- 1- The weather here is usually nice. It.....much
- 2- Paul has a car, but he .....it very often
- 3- Paul and his friends like films, but they.....to the cinema very often
- 4- Amanda is married, but she .....a ring.
- 5- I.....much about politics. I'm not interested in it.
- 6- The Regent Hotel isn't expensive. It.....much to stay there.
- 7- Ed lives very near us, but we.....him very often.

**B-** Put the verb in the correct form, positive or negative.

- 1- Margaret.....four languages- English, French, German and Spanish (speak).
- 2- I.....my job. It's very boring (like)
- 3- Where's Steve? I'm sorry. I..... (know)
- 4- Sue is a very quiet person. She.....very much (talk)
- 5- Andy.....a lot of tea. It's his favourite drink (drink)

**Key answers**

- A- 1- Doesn't rain  
2-Doesn't use

3-Don't go

4-Doesn't wear

5-Doesn't cost

6-Don't see

B- 1- Speaks

2-Don't like

3-Don't know

4-Doesn't talk

5-Drinks