**Lesson One: The Present Simple Tense Second Year**

**1. What is the Present Simple Tense?**

The **Present Simple tense** is used to talk about general truths, habits, routines, or situations that are permanent or regular. It describes actions or states that happen **regularly** or are **always true**.

**2. Forms of the Present Simple Tense**

The Present Simple has three main forms: **affirmative**, **negative**, and **interrogative**.

**A. Affirmative Form**

**Structure**:  
**Subject + Base Verb (+ s/es for third-person singular)**

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| Subject | Example Verb: "play" | Example Sentence |
| I | play | I play football every Saturday. |
| You/We/They | play | They play video games at night. |
| He/She/It | plays | She plays the piano beautifully. |

**Rules for Third-Person Singular (He/She/It):**

1. Add **-s** to most verbs.  
   *Example*: He works hard.
2. Add **-es** to verbs ending in **-o, -ch, -sh, -ss, -x, -z**.  
   *Example*: She goes to school.
3. If the verb ends in a consonant + **y**, change **y** to **-ies**.  
   *Example*: He studies English.
4. If the verb ends in a vowel + **y**, just add **-s**.  
   *Example*: She plays basketball.

**B. Negative Form**

**Structure**:  
**Subject + do/does not + Base Verb**

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| Subject | Negative Verb | Example Sentence |
| I/You/We/They | do not (don’t) | We don’t eat fast food often. |
| He/She/It | does not (doesn’t) | He doesn’t like coffee. |

**Key Notes**:

* Use **"do not" (don’t)** for **I, you, we, they**.
* Use **"does not" (doesn’t)** for **he, she, it**.
* The base verb **does not change** in negative sentences.  
  *Example*: She doesn’t work (not "doesn’t works").

**C. Interrogative Form**

**Structure**:  
**Do/Does + Subject + Base Verb?**

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| --- | --- |
| Question Format | Example Sentence |
| Do + I/we/you/they + verb? | Do they play football on weekends? |
| Does + he/she/it + verb? | Does he study English every day? |

**Key Notes**:

* Use **"Do"** with **I, you, we, they**.
* Use **"Does"** with **he, she, it**.
* The base verb **does not change** in questions.  
  *Example*: Does she work here? (not "Does she works here?").

**3. Uses of the Present Simple Tense**

1. **To Describe Habits or Routines**  
   Actions that happen regularly or repeatedly.  
   *Examples*:
   * I go to the gym every morning.
   * She drinks coffee every day.

**Common Time Expressions for Habits**:

* + Always, often, usually, sometimes, rarely, never
  + Every day, every week, on Mondays, etc.

1. **To State General Truths or Facts**  
   Statements that are always true or scientifically proven.  
   *Examples*:
   * The Earth revolves around the Sun.
   * Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius.
2. **To Express Fixed Schedules or Timetables**  
   For future events based on schedules or timetables.  
   *Examples*:
   * The train leaves at 8:00 PM.
   * School starts at 7:30 AM.
3. **To Give Instructions or Directions**  
   For giving commands, instructions, or steps.  
   *Examples*:
   * Open the window.
   * First, mix the flour and sugar.