

Present Simple

The **Present Simple** is a verb tense used to describe **habits, general truths, repeated actions, and fixed schedules**. It is one of the most commonly used tenses in English.

How to Form the Present Simple ?

Subject	Verb Form (Base form / +s for he, she, it)
I	play / go / eat
You	play / go / eat
He/ she/It	plays / goes / eats
We / They	play / go / eat

Rule:

- For **he, she, it**, add **-s** or **-es** to the base verb.

Examples:

- He **plays** football.
- She **goes** to work at 8 AM.
- It **rains** a lot in winter.

If the verb ends in **-y** after a consonant, change **y** to **i** and add **-es**:

Examples:

- Study → **studies**
- Try → **tries**

When do we use the Present Simple?

1. Habits and Routines (Things we do regularly)

- They **go** to school on weekdays.
- I **eat** breakfast **every morning**.
- they **speak** English **every day**.
- We **sleep every night**.
- They **go** to the beach **every weekend**.

2. General Facts and Universal Truths

- The sun **rises** in the east.
- Water **boils** at 100°C.
- Cats **hate** water.
- The human body **contains** 206 bones.
- Light **travels** at almost 300,000 kilometres per second.

3. Fixed Schedules (Timetables, Programs, Official Plans)

- The train **leaves** at 6 PM.
- Our class **starts** at 9 AM.
- The store **closes** at 10 PM.

4. Permanent Situations and States

- He **lives** in London.
- She **works** as a teacher.
- They **own** a small business.
- I'**m** nineteen years old.
- I'**m** a student.

5. Instructions and Directions

- You **go** straight, then turn left.
- First, you **mix** the ingredients.

Present simple questions

- Look at these questions:

Do you play football?

Where **do you live**?

Does Sami play football?

Where **does he come from**?

Do Rima and Ania live in Egypt?

Where **do they work**?

- We use do and does to make **questions** with the present simple. We use does for the third person singular (she/he/it) and do for the others.
- We use do and does with question words like **where, what** and **when**:

Where do Ania and Rima **live**?

What does Ania **do**?

When does Rima usually **get up**?

- But questions with **who** often don't use do or does:

Who lives in London?

Who plays football at the weekend?

Who works at Algiers City Hospital?

Here are some useful questions. Try to remember them:

Where do you come from? Do you come from ...? Where do you live? Do you live in ...?	What work do you do? Do you like ...? Do you know ...?
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Negative form of Present Simple

Use **don't (do not) / doesn't (does not) + base verb**

Subject	Negative Form
I / You / We / They	don't + base verb
He / She / It	doesn't + base verb

- I like tennis but I **don't like** football. (don't = do not)
- I **don't live** in Algeria now.
- They **don't work** at the weekend.
- he **doesn't live** in Egypt. (doesn't = does not)
- Ania **doesn't drive** to work. She goes by bus.
- I **don't like** spicy food.
- She **doesn't watch** TV

Questions in Present Simple

Use **Do / Does + subject + base verb**

Subject	Question Form
I / You / We / They	Do + subject + base verb?
He / She / It	Does + subject + base verb?

- **Do** you play football? → Yes, I do. / No, I don't
- **Does** she like coffee? → Yes, she does. / No, she doesn't.
- **Do** they live in Spain? → Yes, they do. / No, they don't.

Note: When using **does** in a question, the verb remains in **its base form**:

- **Does she like** pizza? (correct)
- **Does she likes** pizza? (incorrect)

Time Expressions used with Present Simple (using frequency)

- **Always, usually, often, sometimes, rarely, never**
- **Every day, every week, every month**
- **On Mondays, in the morning, at night**

Examples:

- She **always** drinks coffee in the morning.
- We **often** go to the gym.
- I **never** eat fast food.
- Lina **is always** on time for **class** .
- The weather is **usually** hot in July.