

USES OF PRESENT SIMPLE

PRESENT meaning:

When something happens regularly.

Habits and Routines:

Examples:

She **plays** football **every** Monday.

My cousins **often stay** at my house at the weekends.

I **brush** my teeth **twice** a day.

We **usually leave** the house at 8AM.

Useful vocabulary for habits and routines: never, rarely, sometimes, often, usually, always, every ____, once/twice, three times a day/month/year, at the weekend, in the morning/afternoon/evening.

For something that is true **now.**

Examples:

I live in London.

Mum works as an engineer.

My grandparents are 80 years old.

I want a hamster.

For something that is **always true, or **a fact**.**

Fire is hot.

Humans need oxygen to live.

The Earth moves around the Sun.

Light travels faster than sound.

FUTURE meaning

When something is **scheduled.**

Examples:

My train **leaves** at 10am **tomorrow**.

The museum **opens** **next week**.

The concert **starts** at **8am this evening**.

My friends from Bangladesh **arrive** in London **in December**.

Useful vocabulary for schedules: at ____ (time), next Monday, next week/month/year/season, this afternoon/evening, tonight, tomorrow, tomorrow morning.

PAST meaning

When telling a story (usually we use past tenses, but occasionally we use present tenses).

Examples:

So, I'm at the park. There's a kid on the slide. He falls off and hits his head. I call an ambulance.

When you're summarising books, films, series, plays etc.

Reference

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