
BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

Tenses with Georgie

Present simple



Language Quiz

Answer these questions with information from the webpage.

1. Name three adverbs of frequency that are commonly used to talk about habits and routine.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
2. Which sentence is about a fact that is always true?
 - a. I live in London.
 - b. Fire is hot.
 - c. I want a hamster.
3. In which two situations can you use the present simple to talk about the future?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

Fill the gap

Complete the sentences by choosing the correct form of the verb in the present simple.

Example

The dog _____ (like) its food.

Answer

The dog **likes** its food.

1. She _____ (not/read) romantic novels.
2. They always _____ (eat) dinner late.
3. I _____ (remember) my friend's birthday every year.
4. Cats _____ (not/fly).
5. We _____ (not/live) in the city centre.
6. The train _____ (stop) at every station.

Make a question

Convert these sentences into yes/no questions. There might be more than one correct answer.

Example

My dad teaches maths.

Answer

Does your dad teach maths?

1. We play tennis on Saturdays.
2. I like chocolate ice cream.
3. The shop opens early.
4. She speaks Spanish fluently.
5. They walk to work every day.

Writing

Now, write your own sentences using the present simple.

1. Two things that you do regularly (a habit or routine) e.g. *I **brush** my teeth twice a day.*

2. Something you have scheduled this week e.g. *My meeting with my manager **starts** at 10am tomorrow.*

3. Summarise your favourite film or series e.g. *In the first Harry Potter book, Harry goes to [] and makes friends with Ron and Hermione. They [] [] [] [] You Know Who.*

ANSWERS

Language Quiz

1. Answers include, but are not limited to, **never, rarely, sometimes, often, usually, always**
2. b
3. something scheduled, 1st conditional

Fill the gap

1. doesn't read, 2. eat, 3. remember, 4. don't fly, 5. don't live, 6. stops

Make a question

1. Do you/we play tennis on Saturdays? 2. Do I/you like chocolate ice cream? 3. Does the shop open early? 4. Does she speak Spanish fluently? 5. Do they walk to work every day?