

SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

The simple present tense in English is used to describe an action that is regular, habitual activities, general truth or facts.

I. Some uses of simple present tense:

- For repeated or regular actions in the present time period.
 - I **take** the train to the office.
 - The train to Berlin **leaves** every hour.
 - John **sleeps** eight hours every night during the week.
- For facts.
 - The President of The USA **lives** in The White House.
 - A dog **has** four legs.
 - We **come** from Switzerland.
- For habits.
 - I **get up** early every day.
 - Carol **brushes** her teeth twice a day.
 - They **travel** to their country house every weekend.
- For things that are always / generally true.
 - It **rains** a lot in winter.
 - The Queen of England **lives** in Buckingham Palace.
 - They **speak** English at work.

Adapted from: <http://www.grammar.cl/Present/Simple.html>

II. **Time Signal words:** every day, often, always, sometimes, never.

III. Pattern

Regular Verbs
(+) Subject + Verb 1 -(s/es)
(-) Subject + do/ does + not + Verb 1
(?) Wh/Do + Subject + Verb 1?

A. Look at the pictures and phrases. Make sentences about people's activities. Number one is done for you.



1. (he/ always)

Every morning

He always brushes his teeth every morning.



2. (My grandfather/ usually)

In the evening



3. (My little sisters/ usually)

In the afternoon



4. (My mother/ never)

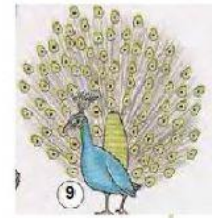
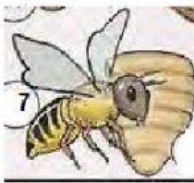
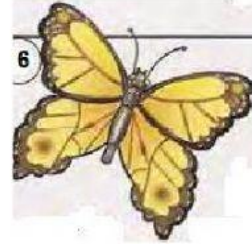
On Saturdays.



5. (you/ never)

At night

B. Match the pictures of the animals with their descriptions.



- A. It can fly. It has an antenna. People like it very much for its color.
- B. It is one Mammalia species. It has black and white fur. People easily find it in China.
- C. People usually call it as night animals because it chases its prey at night.
- D. It has big body. Its trunk can lift big tree but it is very sensitive to touch flower.
- E. Many animals are afraid of this animal. It eats meat. It has black and yellow strips in its body.
- F. It can fly. It can imitate sound like human being.
- G. It can run fast. It has long and branched horns.
- H. It can sting. People know it as its honey.
- I. It is a kind of birds. It has beautiful and colorful feathers.