Present Simple (1)

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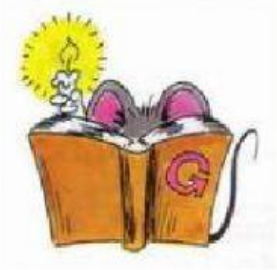

Afirmative

I walk
You walk
He walks
She walks
It walks
We walk
You walk
They walk

Negative

I don't walk
You don't walk
He doesn't walk
She doesn't walk
It doesn't walk
We don't walk
You don't walk
They don't walk

Interrogative

Do I walk?
Do you walk?
Does he walk?
Does she walk?
Does it walk?
Do we walk?
Do you walk?
Do they walk?

Short answers

Affirmative

Yes, I / you / we / they do
Yes, he / she / it does

Negative

No, I / you / we / they don't
No, he / she / it doesn't

Third person singular

We add -s to the verb to form the third person singular (**he, she, it**).

I drink – he drinks
I run – he runs

BUT

- We add -es to verbs that end in **-ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o**.
  I watch – he watches
- With verbs ending in **consonant + y**, we change the -y to -ies.
  I cry – he cries
  But with verbs ending in **vowel + y**, we just add -s as usual.
  I play – he plays

Use

We use the **Present Simple**:

- for **habits** and actions that we do regularly:
  He visits his friends every Sunday.
  She goes to school by bus.
- for **general truths**:
  The sun rises in the East.
- for **permanent situations**:
  He lives in Athens.

Expressions used with the Present Simple

Frequency adverbs: always, usually, often, sometimes, rarely, never
(they are placed before the main verb)

Time expressions: every day / week / Friday...
on Mondays / Sundays...
at the weekend...
in the morning / afternoon...
in winter / spring...
once a day / week...

A. Write the third person singular of the following verbs.

play	_____	go	_____
wash	_____	teach	_____
drive	_____	carry	_____
fly	_____	start	_____
help	_____	kiss	_____
watch	_____	tidy	_____
like	_____	enjoy	_____
cry	_____	mix	_____

B. Complete the sentences with the Present Simple of the verbs in brackets.

1. Peter and his friends _____ to school by bus. (go)
2. Elephants _____ leaves and grass. (eat)
3. David's father _____ in a hospital. (work)
4. The bank opens at 9.30 and _____ at 4.30. (close)
5. Tom and Jim _____ football every day after school. (play)
6. Mr Jones is a teacher. He _____ History. (teach)
7. Our lessons _____ at 9.00 and _____ at 3.30. (start / finish)
8. My pen friend _____ in Japan. (live)
9. Mary and her brother _____ cartoons every Sunday morning. (watch)
10. John _____ his room every day. (tidy)

C. Complete the blanks with the Present Simple of the verbs in the box.

go	~~work~~	ride	deliver	love	jog	rest	fish	walk

Mr Letty is a postman. He doesn't work in the post office. He always ***works*** outside in the streets.
He _____ letters to all the people in the neighbourhood every day. He doesn't _____ but he _____ his motorbike.
At the weekend, Mr Letty doesn't work.
He _____. He _____ the countryside, so he always _____ to his country house with his wife. Mr and Mrs Letty _____ in the river and they _____ in the woods every weekend.

D. Look at the pictures and write questions and answers, as in the example.

1. play / the guitar / in the afternoon

   Does he play the guitar in the aftenoon?

   No he doesn't play the guitar in the afternoon.

   He plays the accordion.

2. walk / after lunch

   _____

   _____

   _____

3. ride / their / bicycles / to work / every day

   _____

   _____

   _____

4. listen / to the radio / every Sunday

_____

_____

_____

5. clean / the house / on Mondays

_____

_____

_____

6. watch / TV / after school

_____

_____

_____

E. Complete the blanks with the **negative** or the **interrogative** form of the Present Simple of the verbs in brackets.

Mark: Hi, Tess! What are you doing?

Tess: I'm watching the football team.

Mark: ***Do*** you ***watch*** (watch) them every day?

Tess: No, I don't. They _____ (not play) every day. They play four times a week.

Mark: _____ you _____ (have) a favourite player?

Tess: No, I _____ (not have) a favourite player. Everyone on the team is good.

Mark: _____ the attacker _____ (move) fast?

Tess: No, he _____ (not move) fast, but he's very clever. _____ you _____ (like) football, Mark?

Mark: No, I _____ (not like) it. I like basketball. It's a great sport.