

# 12 Present simple

I can recognize and use the present simple.

## Present simple: affirmative



I read
you read
he reads
she reads
it reads
we read
you read
they read

## Spelling rules for *he, she and it* forms

-ch, -sh, -o, -s, -x → + -es
<i>I watch</i> <i>he watches</i>
<i>I relax</i> <i>she relaxes</i>
<i>I go</i> <i>it goes</i>
consonant + -y → y + -ies
<i>I carry</i> <i>she carries</i>
vowel + -y → + -s
<i>I play</i> <i>he plays</i>

## Irregular verbs

<i>I have</i> <i>it has</i>
<i>I am</i> <i>she is</i>

For more information on how to form the present simple of *be*, see unit 6.

## Pronunciation

For verbs ending in -ch, -sh, -s, -x, the *he, she and it* forms have an extra syllable.

<i>watch</i> <i>wa-tches</i>
<i>miss</i> <i>mi-sses</i>
<i>re-lax</i> <i>re-la-xes</i>

We use the present simple to talk about things we do regularly, or things which are always true.

*I go to school every day.*

*My grandparents live in Manchester.*

We add -s to the *he, she and it* forms.

*I sing.*      *She sings.*

*I drink coffee.*      *She drinks coffee.*

### \*1 Circle the correct option.

► I play / plays football.

1 We eat / eats fish.

2 They go / goes to school.

3 She read / reads magazines.

4 Jack watch / watches DVDs.

5 You listen / listens to rock music.

6 Pete and Milly play / plays basketball.

7 My sister live / lives in a big house.

8 I watch / watches old films.

9 It rain / rains in England.

10 I like / likes chocolate.

### \*2 12.1 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. Listen and check.



drink drinks ~~eat~~ eats listen listens  
play plays study studies

► You eat meat.

1 Bella \_\_\_\_\_ coffee.

2 Charlie and Emily \_\_\_\_\_ maths.

3 Emma \_\_\_\_\_ football.

4 Our teacher \_\_\_\_\_ to classical music.

5 My brothers \_\_\_\_\_ to pop music.

6 We \_\_\_\_\_ tennis.

7 My brother \_\_\_\_\_ English.

8 Henry and I \_\_\_\_\_ fruit juice.

9 Jason's sister \_\_\_\_\_ fish.

**3** Write the *he, she, and it* forms.

- teach teaches    8 fly \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 play \_\_\_\_\_    9 drink \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 watch \_\_\_\_\_    10 relax \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 study \_\_\_\_\_    11 enjoy \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 read \_\_\_\_\_    12 miss \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 go \_\_\_\_\_    13 do \_\_\_\_\_  
 6 finish \_\_\_\_\_    14 have \_\_\_\_\_  
 7 eat \_\_\_\_\_    15 be \_\_\_\_\_

**4** **12.2** Listen to the words from exercise 3. Put the *he, she and it* forms in the correct column.

No extra syllable	Extra syllable
plays	teaches

**5** **12.3** Listen and complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the pictures.



get up



go to school



have dinner



listen to music



do homework



finish school



watch TV



go to bed

► I get up at six o'clock.

- 1 Sally \_\_\_\_\_ at seven o'clock.  
 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ my homework in the morning.  
 3 Sally \_\_\_\_\_ her homework in the evening.  
 4 I \_\_\_\_\_ to school by bus.  
 5 Sally \_\_\_\_\_ to school by car.  
 6 We \_\_\_\_\_ school at three o'clock.  
 7 We \_\_\_\_\_ dinner at 6.30 p.m.  
 8 I \_\_\_\_\_ TV in the evening.  
 9 Sally \_\_\_\_\_ to music.  
 10 I \_\_\_\_\_ to bed at nine o'clock  
 11 Sally \_\_\_\_\_ to bed at ten o'clock.

**6** Write about your typical day. Use the verbs below.

get up    go to school    finish school    have dinner

I get up at 7 a.m. I go to school by bus.

I finish school at 3.15 p.m. I have dinner at 7.30 p.m.



## Present simple: negative

To form negatives in the present simple, we use **do not** or **does not** with the base form.  
*I do not read books. She does not drive a big car.*

Full form	Short form
I do not read	I don't read
you do not read	you don't read
he does not read	he doesn't read
she does not read	she doesn't read
it does not read	it doesn't read
we do not read	we don't read
you do not read	you don't read
they do not read	they don't read

**\*7** Complete the negative sentences with **do not** or **does not**.

- We do not live in a big house.
- 1 She \_\_\_\_\_ get up at six o'clock.
- 2 You \_\_\_\_\_ study French.
- 3 They \_\_\_\_\_ go to school by car.
- 4 Mary's sister \_\_\_\_\_ drink coffee.
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ have breakfast at home.
- 6 Their brother \_\_\_\_\_ do his homework.
- 7 Those men \_\_\_\_\_ live in London.
- 8 School \_\_\_\_\_ finish at two o'clock.

**\*8** Make the sentences negative. Use short forms.



- I play tennis.  
I don't play tennis.
- 1 You listen to rock music.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ to rock music.
- 2 Daisy watches DVDs.  
Daisy \_\_\_\_\_ DVDs.
- 3 I have dinner at 7 p.m.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ dinner at 7 p.m.
- 4 She reads books.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ books.
- 5 We eat pasta.  
We \_\_\_\_\_ pasta.
- 6 It rains in India.  
It \_\_\_\_\_ in India.
- 7 They go to school by bus.  
They \_\_\_\_\_ to school by bus.

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**9** **12.4** Listen and write affirmative or negative sentences for each picture.



► Mondays / play the guitar

On Mondays, she doesn't play the guitar.



1 Tuesdays / go to a painting class



2 Wednesdays / make dinner



3 Thursdays / meet her friends



4 Fridays / relax on the sofa



5 Saturdays / go to the beach

- 10** Look at the table and write affirmative and negative sentences.

	play the guitar	do a French class	relax on the sofa	meet friends
Andy	✓	✗	✗	✓
Emily	✗	✓	✓	✗
Polly and Jamie	✓	✗	✓	✗

- Andy plays the guitar but he doesn't do a French class.
- Emily \_\_\_\_\_ the guitar but she \_\_\_\_\_ a French class.
  - Polly and Jamie \_\_\_\_\_ the guitar but they \_\_\_\_\_ a French class.
  - Andy \_\_\_\_\_ on the sofa but he \_\_\_\_\_ friends.
  - Emily \_\_\_\_\_ on the sofa but she \_\_\_\_\_ friends.
  - Polly and Jamie \_\_\_\_\_ on the sofa but they \_\_\_\_\_ friends.

- 11** Look at the sentences in exercise 10. Write sentences about yourself and a friend.

In my free time, I play tennis, but I don't do a dance class.  
My friend Max listens to music, but he doesn't watch DVDs.

- 12** Say two true sentences and one false sentence about your free time. Your partner guesses the false sentence.

I play basketball.  
I listen to classical music.  
I do a dance class.

You don't listen to classical music.

That's right. I don't listen to classical music.

## Present simple: questions

To form questions in the present simple, we put **do** or **does** before the subject.

Do you read? Does she study French?

### Questions

Do I read ... ?

Do you read ... ?

Does he read ... ?

Does she read ... ?

Does it read ... ?

Do we read ... ?

Do you read ... ?

Do they read ... ?

### Short answers

Yes, I do.

No, I don't.

Yes, you do.

No, you don't.

Yes, he does.

No, he doesn't.

Yes, she does.

No, she doesn't.

Yes, it does.

No, it doesn't.

Yes, we do.

No, we don't.

Yes, you do.

No, you don't.

Yes, they do.

No, they don't.

- 13** Write the words in the correct order to make questions. Listen and check.

► study maths/ you / do  
Do you study maths?

1 watch TV / she / does

2 they / live in America / do

3 do / get up at 7 a.m. / you

4 does / read books / Cathy

5 you / listen to music / do

6 your parents / eat fish / do



**14** Complete the questions and write short answers.

- Do they go to bed late?  
No, they don't.
- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ she watch DVDs?  
Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ you relax on Sundays?  
Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Paul play basketball?  
No, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ your parents drive a big car?  
No, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Brian and George play the guitar?  
Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ it rain in Egypt?  
Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ you drink coffee?  
No, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Jim's sister study history?  
No, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ you and Kim like the picture?  
Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.

**15** **12.6** Listen to the conversation. Write a tick ✓ if Gemma likes it, and a cross ✗ if Gemma doesn't like it.



► fish ☒



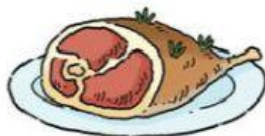
3 peas ☐



6 toast ☐



9 coffee ☐



1 meat ☐



4 mango ☐



7 jam ☐



10 milk ☐



2 carrots ☐



5 strawberries ☐



8 eggs ☐



11 hot chocolate ☐

**16** **12.7** Listen again and complete the questions.



- Do you \_\_\_\_\_ eat fish?
- 1 Do \_\_\_\_\_ meat?
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ like vegetables?
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ fruit?
- 4 What \_\_\_\_\_ your favourite fruit?
- 5 What \_\_\_\_\_ have for breakfast?
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ coffee?

**17** Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions in exercise 16.

Do you eat fish?

Yes, I do.

**18** Write five sentences about yourself and your partner, with information from exercise 17. Use *I, he, she* or *we*.

I like fish.  
He doesn't eat meat.  
We drink coffee.

**19** Circle the mistakes and complete the correct sentence.

- They lives in India.  
They live in India.

- 1 Does she reads books?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ books?
- 2 Yes, she do.  
 Yes, she \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 He doesn't watches TV at school.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ TV at school.
- 4 Drink you lemonade?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ lemonade?
- 5 It rain in London.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in London.
- 6 My friends not go to school by bus.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to school by bus.
- 7 Mandy studys English and maths.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ English and maths.
- 8 Do like you carrots?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ carrots?
- 9 No, I do.  
 No, I \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 Does the children eat meat?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ meat?

**20** Read the sentences and look at the table. Write the names at the top of each column.

- Ben likes coffee.  
 Toby plays tennis.  
 Jenny doesn't live in Britain.  
 Suzy plays tennis.  
 Suzy and Ben don't like loud music.  
 Toby lives in Britain.  
 Toby and Jenny eat bananas.  
 Toby doesn't like loud music.  
 Jenny doesn't like coffee.  
 Ben and Suzy play the guitar.

Names				
live in Britain	✓	X	X	✓
play tennis	✓	✓	X	✓
like coffee	✓	X	✓	X
eat bananas	✓	✓	✓	✓
play the guitar	✓	✓	✓	X
like loud music	X	✓	X	X

**21** **GAME**

Work in groups. Ask questions and write names in the table. The first person with a name in every gap is the winner.

Do you drink coffee?

No, I don't.

	Name		Name
drinks coffee		plays table tennis	
gets up at 6 o'clock		doesn't watch TV	
rides a horse		plays the piano	
doesn't like chocolate		goes to school by car	

**Self-evaluation** Rate your progress.

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