Present simple

We use present simple to talk about:

For **habits** or **actions** that we **regularly** do:

He visits his friends every Sunday.

For **general facts**:

The sun rises in the East.

For **permanent situations**:

He lives in Athens.

The different forms of present simple are:

Affirmative

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

Negative

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

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Interrogative

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

The short answers for interrogative sentences in present simple are:

Yes, I / you / we / they do

Yes, he / she / it does

(Affirmative)

No, I / you / we / they don't

No, he / she / it doesn't

(Negative)

Tercer person singular

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

I write – She writes

I jump – He jumps

We add -es to verbs that end in -ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o.

I fix – he fixes

I watch – he watches

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With verbs ending in **consonant + y**, we change the **–y** to **–ies**.

I study – she stud**ies**

I try – he tr**ies**

With verbs ending in **vowel + y**, we just add **–s** as usual.

I play – she plays

Some expressions in Present simple are:

Frequency adverbs

always, usually, often, sometimes, rarely, never

Time expressions

every day / week / Friday…

on Mondays / Sundays…

at the weekend…

in the morning / afternoon…

in winter / spring…

once a day / week…

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Write the third person singular of the following verbs. (type only small letters).

play

wash

drive

fly

help

watch

like

cry

go

teach

carry

start

kiss

tidy

enjoy

mix

2. Complete the sentences with the Present Simple tense of the verbs. (type only small letters).

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)

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3. Fill in the gaps 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 neighborhood 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.

4. Look at the pictures and choose the best options for questions and answers, as in the example.

1. play / the guitar / in the afternoon

Does he play the guitar in the afternoon?

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

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4. listen / to the radio / every Sunday

5. clean / the house / on Mondays

6. watch / TV / after school

5. Fill in the gaps 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 favorite player?

Tess: No, I (not have) a favorite 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.

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