

Present simple: affirmative *I like, she plays*

Frequency adverbs *always, usually*

Present simple

The present simple describes general facts, repeated actions and habits, and things that are always true.

- General facts

I like milk.

Maria plays basketball.

They speak Turkish.

We live in Australia.

- Repeated actions and habits

Harry often arrives late.

I walk to school every day.

I usually get up at 7.30.

My brother usually walks with me.

- Things that are always true

The sun rises in the east.

The earth goes round the sun.

I walk

we walk

you walk

they walk

BUT he walks

she walks

it walks

Spelling

Verbs ending in o, s, ch, sh, x add -es for the he/she/it form.

go → *goes*

miss → *misses*

watch → *watches*

wash → *washes*

relax → *relaxes*

always, usually, often, sometimes, never

We often use the present simple with these frequency adverbs.

always 100% *Tim always wears jeans.*

usually 80% *I usually go to bed at 9.30.*

often 60% *Sue often goes to the cinema.*

sometimes 40% *Sam sometimes walks to school.*

never 0% *It never rains here in August.*

- The frequency adverb goes between the subject and the verb.

Monday always comes after Sunday.

GRAMMAR 2 PRESENT SIMPLE: AFFIRMATIVE; FREQUENCY ADVERBS

1 Look at the pictures. Complete each sentence with a verb from the box.

arrive	like	live	rain	start	teach
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- 1 David likes chocolate.
- 2 It here in November.
- 3 Liz with her family in Italy.
- 4 George often late.
- 5 The lesson at 6.00.
- 6 Kate and Jim English in Spain.

2 Underline the correct word in each sentence.

- 1 Juan and Carmen live / lives in Madrid.
- 2 Harry watch / watches television every evening.
- 3 I usually go / goes to school by bus.
- 4 It never snow / snows in this city.
- 5 Sam live / lives in that house.
- 6 You never clean / cleans your teeth!
- 7 Carol get / gets up early every day.
- 8 All the buses leave / leaves from this bus-stop.

3 Complete each sentence. Use the verb and frequency adverb in brackets.

- 1 Tina (sometimes, miss) sometimes misses the bus to school.
- 2 I (never, get up) before 6.00.
- 3 We (usually, take) a holiday in August.
- 4 Jim and Helen (often, go) to the theatre.
- 5 I (often, sing) in the shower.
- 6 Pat (sometimes, play) football on Sunday.
- 7 You (never, finish) your homework!
- 8 Our teacher (always, wear) a tie.