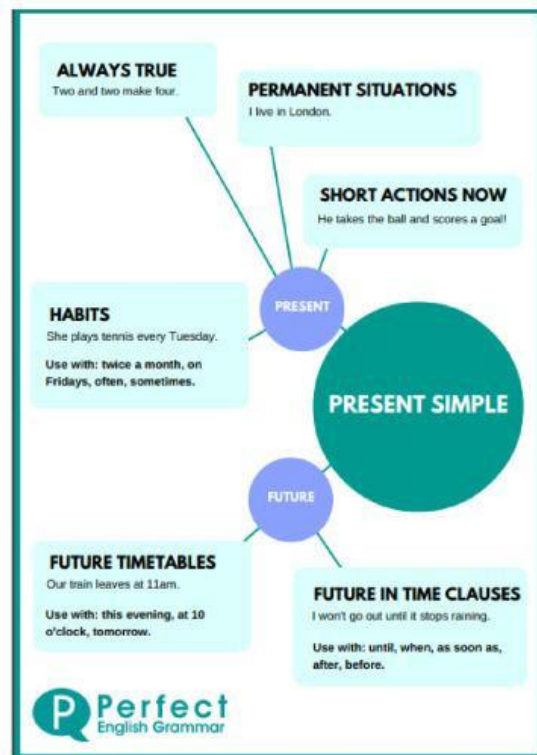


## The Present Simple Tense (also called the Simple Present Tense)



The positive is really easy. It's just the verb, with an extra 's' if the subject is 'he', 'she', or 'it'. Let's take the verb **'play'** as an example.

| Positive  |
|-----------|
| I play    |
| you play  |
| he plays  |
| she plays |
| it plays  |
| we play   |
| they play |

Don't forget the **'s'**! Even really advanced students do this

Examples:

To make the negative form, you need to use 'do not' (don't) or 'does not' (doesn't).

| Negative (of 'play') | Negative short form |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| I do not play        | I don't play        |
| you do not play      | you don't play      |
| he does not play     | he doesn't play     |
| she does not play    | she doesn't play    |
| it does not play     | it doesn't play     |
| we do not play       | we don't play       |
| they do not play     | they don't play     |

Examples:

Just like with 'be', if you'd like to make a 'wh-' question, you put the question word at the front.

| Wh- questions      |
|--------------------|
| Where do I play?   |
| What do you play?  |
| Why does he play?  |
| Who does she play? |
| How does it play?  |
| When do we play?   |
| How do they play?  |

Examples:

I (be) in a cafe now.  
(she/play) tennis every week?

They (go) to the cinema every Wednesday.  
(she/be) a singer?

You (find) the weather here cold.  
(they/be) on the bus?

Lucy (ride) her bicycle to work.

Why (he/be) in France?

I (not/play) the piano very often.

It (not/be) cold today.

We (be) from Portugal.  
(we/make) too much noise at night?

Where (Harry/study)?  
(it/be) foggy today?

We (not/be) late.

They (not/like) animals.

Where (you/be)?

He (not/be) an accountant.  
(the dog/eat) chicken?