

REFERENCE

present simple

We use the present simple for habits, repeated actions and routines, and for things that are always true.

positive

I/We/You/They	sing.
He/She/It	sings.

negative

I/We/You/They	don't sing.
He/She/It	doesn't sing.

questions

Do	I/we/you/they	sing?
Does	he/she/it	sing?

short answers

Yes,	I/we/you/they	do.
	he/she/it	does.
No,	I/we/you/they	don't.
	he/she/it	doesn't.

We use the present simple to talk about:

A something that is always or usually true.

She **lives** in England.

B a habit or routine.

He **plays** football every Saturday.

The present simple can be used with adverbs of frequency: *always, never, sometimes, ever, usually, often*.

Adverbs of frequency say how often something happens and answer the question: *How often?*

I **usually play** video games on Saturday.

In summer, I **sometimes go** fishing.

I **never go** swimming. I **don't like** it.

adverbs of frequency



Adverbs of frequency come:

A before the main verb.

He **usually takes** photos at home.

B after the verb *be*.

She **is always** nervous before she performs.

Adverbs of frequency usually appear in the middle of a sentence.

The trains are **never** late.

We **usually fly** our kites on the beach.

But they can also appear in front or end position.

Sometimes he plays the piano.

Why don't you cook dinner **more often**?

We can add *-ly* to adjectives to say how something happens.

quick – **quickly** slow – **slowly** quiet – **quietly**
She **speaks quickly**.

Some adjectives don't change: hard – hard, fast – fast, high – high, late – late, early – early.

She **likes getting up early**.

Some adjectives are irregular: good – well.

much/many

Much is a quantity word meaning a *large amount of*. We use *much* with uncountable nouns.

How **much** free time does she have?

They **didn't have much** fun at the party.

Many is a quantity word meaning a *large number (of)*. We use *many* with countable nouns.

How **many** students go to chess club?

She **doesn't have many** books.

PRACTICE

present simple; adverbs of frequency

- 1 Complete the conversation with the present simple form of the verbs in brackets.

Tim: What ¹ you (do) in your free time?

Oliver: I ² (like) reading and playing cards.

Tim: ³ your sister (play) cards?

Oliver: No, she doesn't. She ⁴ (not like) cards.

Tim: What ⁵ your sister (do) in her free time?

Oliver: She likes cooking. She ⁶ (bake) cakes all the time.

- 2 Complete the text with the present simple form of these verbs.

go (x2) like (x2) listen not be not buy not sound spend

Anna usually ¹ her free time with her friends. They sometimes ² to the cinema on Fridays. On Saturday mornings she always ³ to town with her friends. Anna ⁴ usually anything! In the afternoon Anna and her friends often ⁵ to music in her bedroom. They ⁶ singing their favourite songs, but they ⁷ very good! When Anna ⁸ with her friends she ⁹ playing video games.

- 3 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- My dad doesn't like watching films. He **doesn't often go** / **usually goes** to the cinema.
- Toby **never** / **always** plays his guitar after eleven o'clock at night because everyone is in bed.
- Katy **often plays** / **doesn't often play** table tennis after school. It's her favourite hobby.
- Matt and David **always** / **sometimes** watch cartoons, but not all the time.
- My family **usually** / **don't often** go camping in the summer because we love being outside.
- I **always** / **sometimes** dance on Saturday mornings. I have a dance lesson every Saturday at 9 a.m.

- 4 Rewrite the sentences. Put the adverbs in brackets in the correct place.

1 Grace goes to camera club on Wednesdays. (always)

2 We watch films in the morning. (never)

3 They aren't late. (usually)

4 My mum sings in the car. (often)

5 Table tennis club is on a Friday. (always)

6 William doesn't go shopping. (often)

much/many

- 5 Complete the questions with *much* or *many*.

- How clubs do you go to?
- How free time do you have?
- How boys are in your class?
- How time do you spend playing video games?
- How times a year do you go to the cinema?
- How music do you have on your phone?

- 6 Complete the email. Write one word for each gap.

 To: Ed  From: Alex

Hi Ed,

Do you ¹ to come to table tennis club with me? I ² every Monday after school. There aren't ³ people in the group and they're very friendly. It doesn't cost ⁴ money – it's only £1.50 a week. It starts at 4.30 p.m. and ⁵ at 5.30 p.m. What ⁶ you think?

Alex