

Grammar Lesson: Present Simple Tense

1. WHEN DO WE USE IT? (DAILY ROUTINES, FACTS AND HABITS)



She brushes her teeth everyday.



She reads a lot.



He gets up at 6 in the morning.

2. AFFIRMATIVE FORM (POSITIVE)

SUBJECT	VERB	BEST OF SENTENCE
I/We/You/They	study	at university.
He/She/It	studies	biology.

? Full memory trick

Remember "s-e-s"
for HE, SHE, IT!

Studies, eats, sings

Rules for He, She, It

- Add -s to most verbs.
(e.g. jump -> jumps, walk -> walks)
- Add -es to verbs ending in o, ch, sh, ss, x
(e.g. go -> goes, watch -> watches)
- Verbs ending in 'consonant + y', change y to i and add es.
(e.g. study -> studies)

3. NEGATIVE FORM (USING DON'T & DOESN'T)

SUBJECT	DON'T/DOESN'T	VERB
I/You/We/They	don't	play
He/She/It	doesn't	play



He doesn't eat vegetables.

NOTE: In negative form, the "S" or "ES" goes into DOESN'T

The main verb gets its "FREE FORM" (e.g. He doesn't like cookies.)

4. QUESTION FORM (USING 'DO' & 'DOES')

DO/DOES	SUBJECT	VERB(BASE FORM)
Do	you/we/they	play soccer?
Does	he/she/it	watch TV?

e.g. Does she read ? -> Yes, she does./ No, she doesn't.

Do they ride a bike ? -> Yes, they do./ No, they don't.

5. PRACTICE

Exercise: Fill in the blank

1. Most university students _____ (study) at the campus library before final exams.
2. The morning chemistry lecture _____ (not start) at 7:00 AM; it starts at 8:00 AM.
3. _____ (Do / Does) your professor give homework every week?
4. My roommate usually _____ (wake) up early, but he _____ (not cook) breakfast in the dorm.
5. Where _____ (you / buy) your textbooks every semester?