

PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE

I. WHAT IS THE PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE?

The Present Simple is used to talk about:

		
Daily routine	General facts	Timetables and schedule

II. FORM

1. Affirmative

Subject	Verb
I/we/you/they	work / study / play
He/she/it	works / studies / plays

Example:

- I go to school every day.
- She works in an office.

2. Negative

Subject + do/does not + base verb

Example:

- I do not like coffee.
- He does not watch TV at night.

3. Yes/No Questions

Do/Does + subject + base verb?

Example:

- Do you play football?
- Does she live near here?

III. ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY

Frequency	Adverb of Frequency	Example Sentence
100%	always	I always come to work on time.
90%	usually	I usually wake up at 7am.
80%	normally / generally	I normally go to the gym.
70%	often* / frequently	It's often cloudy.
50%	sometimes	Sometimes I'm alone.
30%	occasionally	We occasionally take batteries out.
10%	seldom	I seldom read the newspaper.
5%	hardly ever / rarely	I hardly ever drink alcohol.
0%	never	We never take hazardous waste out.

IV. COMMON MISTAKES

✗ She go to school every day.

✓ She goes to school every day.

V. PRACTICE

Task: Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.

1. I usually _____ (get) up at 6 a.m. every day.
2. She _____ (go) to university on Mondays.
3. He _____ (not / watch) TV in the morning.
4. _____ you usually _____ (study) English in the evening?
5. They _____ (never / eat) fast food.