Verbs

THE PRESENT TENSE

28 Present Simple

FORM

Positive		*Question*			*Negative*		
I You We They	work.	Do	I you we they	work?	I you We They	do not (don't)	work.
He She It	works.	Does	he she it	work?	He She it	does not (doesn't)	work.

- There is only one form of *you* in English, which is the same in singular and plural.
- Note the endings with *he, she,* and *it.* If the verb ends in *ss, sh, ch,* or *x,* add *es:*
  He finishes (finish ends in *sh)*
  She watches (watch ends in *ch)*

USE

- For something which is permanently true:
  I come from France.
  He doesn't speak Spanish.
  We live in London.
- For repeated actions or habits:
  I get up at six o'clock every day.
  What time do you leave work?
  I don't see them very often.

Practice

Rewrite each sentence as a positive or negative sentence, or a question, according to the instructions.

1 I visit my parents very often, (negative)
I don't visit my parents very often.

2 Does he go to school every day? (positive)
He goes to school every day.

3 She comes from Germany, (question)
Does she come from Germany?

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4 She goes to work by car. (question)

5 We watch television every night, (negative)

6 He doesn't walk to work every day. (positive)

7 She plays football every Saturday, (question)

8 He washes his car every week, (question)

9 They live in Australia, (question)

10 They go to school by bus. (question)

11 Does she finish work at five o'clock? (positive)

12 He goes to the cinema on Fridays, (question)

13 I come from Africa, (negative)

14 Does he live in this street? (positive)

15 He works in a restaurant, (question)

16 She gets up at five o'clock, (question)

17 They eat a lot. (negative)

18 Does he work here? (positive)

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