

We use the PRESENT SIMPLE to describe: | Time expressions:

**A** habits and routines

•adverbs of frequency  
(always, usually, hardly ever)

**B** permanent situations

• every day/week/month etc.

**C** current states

• on Mondays, Fridays etc.

**D** general truths

• in the morning/evening etc.

**E** schedules and timetables  
(with present and future meaning)

• at night, at the weekend etc.

**EXERCISE 1. Write a letter A B C D or E in front of each sentence to indicate the reason why the Present Simple Tense is used there.**

Affirmative  
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I/we/you/they + V<sub>1</sub>

he/she/it + V<sub>s/es</sub>

1. Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius.
2. Ann attends English lessons three times a week.
3. Her train leaves at 3:30 PM tomorrow.
4. Tom owns a cupcake business.
5. I eat healthy food on a regular basis.
6. Kangaroos live in Australia.
7. Our morning classes start at 9 AM.

Negative  
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I/we/you/they + don't + V<sub>1</sub>

he/she/it + doesn't + V<sub>1</sub>

1. Sam doesn't drink tea in the mornings.
2. We don't usually go out on Fridays.
3. Penguins and ostriches don't fly.
4. Most of the museums don't work on Mondays.
5. My friend doesn't speak English.

Question (?)

**Do + Subject + V<sub>1</sub>... ?**

**Does + Subject + V<sub>1</sub>... ?**

1. Do you enjoy listening to rock music?
2. Does Alvin visit his parents every weekend?
3. Do kangaroos have strong legs?
4. Does your flight arrive tomorrow evening?
5. Does the Sun rise in the East?

**EXERCISE 2. Create sentences in the Present Simple Tense using the prompts**

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		<b>Sue</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>Jane &amp; Peter</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>You...?</b>
2	<b>go hiking/autumn</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>sometimes</b>		
3	<b>go jogging/morning</b>	<b>sometimes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>never</b>		
4	<b>go fishing/spring</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>never</b>	<b>yes</b>		
5	<b>listen/radio/night</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>always</b>		
6	<b>go/cinema/weekends</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>yes</b>		
7	<b>stay/home/evening</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>sometimes</b>	<b>no</b>		
8	<b>go/McDonald's morning</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>no</b>		
9	<b>play/violin/Saturdays</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>yes</b>		
10	<b>go/on a holiday/winter</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>sometimes</b>	<b>no</b>		
11	<b>learn/English/afternoon</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>often</b>	<b>never</b>		
12	<b>cook/dinner/evening</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>no</b>		