

# The Present Simple Tense



## The use:

We use the present simple to:

- 1- Talk about routines and habits: e.g: I drink coffee every morning.
- 2- Talk about something that is true in the present: e.g: She is a student.
- 3- Talk about facts: e.g: Water freezes at zero degree.

## The rules:

They/ We/ You/ I

She/ He/ It

Sub.+ v1+com.

e.g. We play football weekly.

Sub. +v1 (s/es) +com.

### 1. verb (s)

e.g. She writes emails every Friday.

### 2. For verbs that end in -O, -CH, -SH, -SS, -X, or -Z we add -es

(e.g: fix/wash/brush/miss/mix /teach)

e.g. He goes to the park every week.

e.g.2: She watches TV every day.

### 3. For verbs that end in a consonant + Y, we remove the Y and add -ies.

(e.g: fly/cry/try)

e.g. She studies daily.

### 4. For verbs that end in a vowel + Y, we just add -s.

( e.g: pay / enjoy/ say / buy )

e.g. He plays basketball on Mondays.

Negative: (neg.)

(They/ we/you/I ) + **don't**+ v1

e.g.1: They **don't** play football  
every week.

e.g.2: I **don't** drive to university.

e.g.3: We **don't** play football  
weekly.

(She/he/it) + **doesn't**+ v1

e.g.1: She **doesn't** write emails on  
Fridays.

e.g.2: John **doesn't** live near us.

E.g.3: He **doesn't** go to the park  
every day.

**Remember that (do/does) always followed by the  
base verb which means you delete the (s/es).**



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## Interrogative (question):



### 1- Yes/No questions:

**Q: Do + (they/we/I/you) + V1+ com.?**

**A:** Yes, (they/we/I/you) do. **or** No, (they/we/I/you) + don't.

\*e.g. Do they play football daily? Yes, they do. **or** No, they don't.

**Q: Does + (she/he/it) +V1+ com.?**

**A:** Yes, (she/he/it) does. **No, (she/he/it) + doesn't.**

\*e.g. Does she write an email on Mondays? Yes, she does. **or** No, she doesn't.



### 2- Wh- Q: The answer will be a sentence.

**Q: Wh- word + do+ (they/we/I/you) + V (1) + com?**

**A: the answer should be a sentence.**

e.g1: How often do you go to the park? We sometimes go to the park.

e.g2: Where do they play basketball every Tuesday?

They play basketball in the garden every Tuesday.

e.g3: How do they get to work? They get to work by car.

**Q: Wh- word + does+ (she/he/it) + V (1) + com?**

**A: the answer should be a sentence.**

e.g1: When does she help her mother? She helps her mother at 5:00.

e.g2: Where does she live? She lives in Amman.

e.g3: Who does he meet on Saturdays? He meets Anas on Saturdays.

The Key words: every day, month, week, etc. /on Sundays...etc./ weekly, daily,

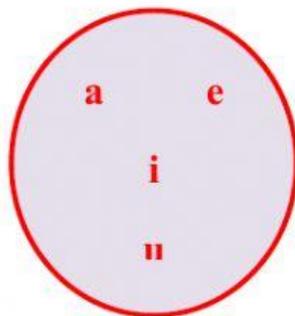
\* **Adverbs of frequency** : usually, sometimes, always, often and never.

\* (They/we/you/I) + (usually, sometimes, always, often and never.) +V1+com.

\* (she/he/it)+ (usually, sometimes, always, often and never.) +V (s/es)+ com.

e.g. I **sometimes** go to the cinema.

e.g. She **never** plays football.



The vowel letters:  
a/e/i/u/o

### \*Verb (Have) as a main verb in the present simple tense:

When we use verb **to have** as a main verb, we should use a helping verb with it (to do) in negative or interrogative sentences.

\*Examples:



Affirmative sentence:	Negative sentence	Interrogative sentence
They <b>have</b> a car.	They <b>don't have</b> a car.	<b>Do</b> they <b>have</b> a car? Yes, they <b>do</b> . <u>or</u> No, they <b>don't</b> .
He <b>has</b> a black hair.	He <b>doesn't have</b> a black hair.	<b>Does</b> he have a black hair? Yes, he <b>does</b> . <u>or</u> No, he <b>doesn't</b> .
I <b>have</b> lunch.	I <b>don't have</b> lunch.	<b>Do</b> you <b>have</b> lunch? Yes, I <b>do</b> . <u>or</u> No, I <b>don't</b> .

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**\*Verb (do) as a main verb in the present simple tense: بمعنى انجز أو فعل**

\*Examples:

Affirmative sentence:	Negative sentence	Interrogative sentence
I <b>do</b> my homework.	I <b>don't do</b> my homework.	<b>Do</b> you <b>do</b> your homework? Yes, I <b>do</b> . <u>or</u> No, I <b>don't</b> .
He <b>does</b> his homework.	He <b>doesn't do</b> his homework.	<b>Does</b> he <b>do</b> his homework? Yes, he <b>does</b> . <u>or</u> No, he <b>doesn't</b> .
He <b>does</b> a lot of exercising.	He <b>doesn't do</b> a lot of exercising.	-----
People often <b>do</b> what they like.	-----	-----
She always <b>does</b> her work.	She <b>doesn't always do</b> her work.	-----
They always <b>do</b> that.	They <b>don't always do</b> that.	<b>Do</b> they always <b>do</b> that? Yes, they <b>do</b> . <u>or</u> No, they <b>don't</b> .

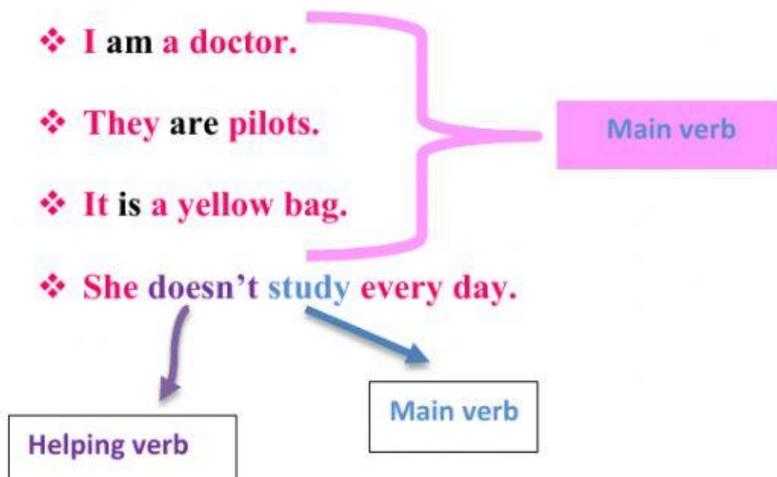


**Critical thinking Question: What do you think the difference between using verb to be and verb to do in the simple present tense?**



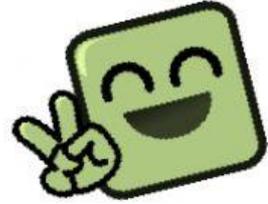
**Verbs to be** are usually used when we talk about a job or describing a person or a thing, and there is no main verb in the same sentence. **While verbs to do** are usually used with a main verb to make a negative or interrogative sentences.

Examples:





Exercise:



Choose the correct form of the verb between brackets:

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ me something new every day. (teach)
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ a programmer. (be)
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ coffee at breakfast. (drink)
4. The train \_\_\_\_\_ at 5 pm today. (arrive)
5. The earth \_\_\_\_\_ around the sun. (circle)
6. He \_\_\_\_\_ a doctor. (not/be)
7. She \_\_\_\_\_ to school by bus. (not/go)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ she happy? (be)
9. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ hard for exams? (study)
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Dana \_\_\_\_\_ a cake every day? (make)
11. Where \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ lunch? (have)
12. When \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ a new house? (buy)
13. How often \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ your teeth? (brush)