SIMPLE PRESENT

When do we use the *Simple Present*?

1. repeated actions *(every day, always, often, sometimes, never)*
My friend often draws nice posters.
I never drink orange juice.
2. facts
The sun rises in the east.
3. fixed arrangements, scheduled events (e.g. timetable)
We have English on Tuesdays and Fridays.

AFFIRMATIVE STATEMENTS

SUBJECT + VERB + COMPLEMENT + PERIOD

EXAMPLES:

My parents	live	in the city	.
Daniel	lives	in the city	.

EXERCISE: **Unscramble the sentences.**

1. always / at nine o'clock / in the morning / drives / his car / he / .

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2. he / to town / after breakfast / often / Mrs. Mendez / takes / .

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3. a parking place / near the shops / they / find / .

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4. fly / with my parents / to Florida / sometimes / I / in winter

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5. often / have / at three o'clock / a cup of tea / they / in the afternoon

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6. meet / at the sports ground / they / after dinner / always / their friends

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NEGATIVE STATEMENTS

SUBJECT + DON'T/DOESN'T + VERB + COMPLEMENT + PERIOD

EXAMPLES:

My parents	don't	live	in the city	.
Daniel	doesn't	live	in the city	.

EXERCISE: **Unscramble the sentences.**

7. My parents / in the morning / take / a shower / don't / .

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8. doesn't / cook / at night / My mom / .

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9. don't / sleep / . / in the afternoon /They

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10. doesn't / on Mondays / work / Susan / .

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11. industrial engineering / I / . / don't / study

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12. We / go / to the church / don't / on Wednesdays / .

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YES / NO QUESTIONS

DO/DOES + SUBJECT + VERB + COMPLEMENT + QUESTION MARK

EXERCISE: Complete this dialogue with do or does to make present simple questions.

Example: Sue: My brother Mark goes to primary school.
Ann: (he - get up early?) **Does he get up early?**
Sue: My brother Mark goes to primary school.

Ann: (he - get up early?) .....

Sue: Yes, very early. His friends Jim and Kevin travel with him every day.

Ann: (they - travel by bus?) .....

Sue: Sometimes. On Mondays and Fridays Jim's father takes them by car. He is a teacher.

Ann: (he - teach at the same school?) ....

Sue: Yes. he does. He teaches English and history.

Ann: (your brother - like English?) ....

Sue: English is his favorite subject.

Ann: (you - help him with his homework?) ....

Sue: Never. My brother is the best student in his class.

Ann: (Jim and Kevin - attend the same lessons?) ....

Sue: No, they don't. They are two years older. But they meet for lunch.

Ann: (Mark - eat at a school cafeteria?) ....

Sue: Yes, because our mom and dad don't have the time to prepare his lunch.

Ann: (your parents - go to work?) ....

Sue: Yes, they do. My mom is a nurse and my dad is a doctor.

Ann: (they - work at a hospital?) ....

Sue: Only my mom.

Ann: (your brother - want to be a doctor?) ....

Sue: I don't know. But I want to be a nurse.

WH-QUESTIONS

WH-WORD + DO/DOES + SUBJECT + VERB + COMPLEMENT + QUESTION MARK

EXAMPLE:

What do you do in the morning?

EXERCISE: Liz is taking her English exam. Read the answers and complete the examiner's wh- questions. Use why, what, where, who, how and simple present forms.

Examiner: Your name is Elizabeth. ..... your friends ..... you?

Liz: My friends call me Liz.

Examiner: All right, Liz. ..... ?

Liz: I live near here. Just round the corner.

Examiner: ..... in your free time?

Liz: I play a lot of sports. And I sometimes read books.

Examiner: ..... ?

Liz: My favorite sport is basketball.

Examiner: ..... basketball?

Liz: Not very often. I usually play it once a week. At weekends.

Examiner: ..... play it more often?

Liz: Why? I don't play it more often because I have a lot of exams this year.

Examiner: And .....basketball with?

Liz: I play it with my friends from our neighborhood. And sometimes with my schoolmates, too.

Examiner: Now I want to ask you about your friends, Liz.

..... ?

Liz: My best friend is Marjorie. Definitely.

Examiner: Marjorie, you say. ..... Marjorie do?

Liz: She finished school last year. And now she works as a nurse.

Examiner: ..... ?

Liz. She works at the local hospital.

Examiner: Thank you, Liz. And say hello to Marjorie. Good bye.