

Lesson 4 Present Simple

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2. Grammar Introduction

A. Present Simple

	Affirmative	Negative	Yes/No Question
Be Verb	I am He/She/It is You/We/They are	I'm not He/She/It isn't You/We/They aren't	Am I...? Is he/she/it...? Are you/we/they...?
Common Verb	I/You/We/They eat He/She/It eats	I/You/We/They don't eat He/She/It doesn't eat	Do I/you/we/they eat ...? Does she/he/it eat ...?

• The present simple tense expresses **habits** or **facts**.

• Answers to yes/no questions:

Yes, I am.	Yes, he/she/it is.	Yes, you/we/they are.
No, I'm not.	No, he/she/it isn't.	No, you/we/they aren't.
Yes, I/you/we/they do.		Yes, she/he/it does.
No, I/you/we/they don't.		No, she/he/it doesn't.

• Contractions

I'm not = I am not
isn't = is not
aren't = are not
don't = do not
doesn't = does not

Read and write the correct verb form.

- 1 enjoy John **enjoys** watching old movies.
- 2 be You busy today.
- 3 snow it sometimes in Africa?
- 4 listen you to the radio in the morning?
- 5 be not My dad in the office today.
- 6 celebrate My country the New Year.
- 7 not wear Kelly a watch every day.
- 8 be Baseball and soccer sports.
- 9 not own My dad a motorcycle.



B. Present Simple: Spelling Rules of Final -s

~s	talk → talks play → plays	• Add s to most verbs.
~es	catch → catches fix → fixes	• Add es to verbs that end in ch, sh, s, x .
~ies	try → tries fly → flies	• If a verb ends in a consonant + y , change y to i and add es .
Irregular	go → goes have → has	• No rules.

Write the verb with final -s.

1 speak	.....	speaks	5 teach	.....
2 have	.....		6 study	.....
3 make	.....		7 do	.....
4 change	.....		8 forget	.....

C. Frequency Adverbs

They	always	get up early.	• Frequency adverbs tell how often something happens.
	usually		They are usually used before the verb: frequency adverb + verb
	often		• Frequency adverbs come after the Be verb .
	sometimes		I am always happy.
	rarely		My brother is usually hungry after school.
	never		
		100% ← → 0%	50%
		always usually often	sometimes rarely never

Rewrite the sentence with the frequency adverb.

1 always	We help each other.	.....	We always help each other.
2 usually	I am hungry at 12 o'clock.	.....
3 often	My friends come to my house.	.....
4 sometimes	I read the newspaper.	.....

3. Grammar Practice

A Complete the sentence in the present tense. (Ⓐ : affirmative Ⓣ : negative Ⓛ : question)

- 1 be Ⓛ The Earth is the third planet from the Sun.
- 2 drive Ⓛ your dad always to work?
- 3 ride Ⓣ My friends and I bicycles to school.
- 4 be Ⓣ There a lot of stars in the sky tonight.
- 5 think Ⓛ Mary swimming in the ocean is fun.
- 6 drink / usually Ⓛ your friends milk at lunch?
- 7 be / always Ⓛ Children happy at Christmas time.
- 8 talk Ⓛ you and your family a lot at the dinner table?
- 9 make Ⓣ My mom steak for breakfast.
- 10 be Ⓛ This shirt big on me. Can I have that shirt?

B Write the correct form of the verb in the present tense.

- 1 My mom **pushes** push the cart at the supermarket.
- 2 Mr. Lee is a repairman. He fix cars.
- 3 Ken is a smart first grader. He do his homework by himself.
- 4 An elephant use its long trunk like a hand.
- 5 A cat usually sleep eighteen hours a day.
- 6 My English class begin at 9:30 every day.
- 7 My dad leave his office at 6:00 in the evening.
- 8 Mike have his own computer at home.
- 9 Kevin always try to do his best.
- 10 A bee gather nectar from flowers.



C Write the verb in the present simple tense.



The World of Honeybees

Honeybees are social insects. They live together in colonies or groups.
 ① be ② live

There are three kinds of honeybees in a colony: a queen, workers and drones.
 ③ be

The queen is the largest bee in the hive. She lays eggs. Most of the bees
 ④ be ⑤ lay
 in a colony are worker bees. Their jobs change with their ages. Young bees are
 ⑥ change
 called house bees. They do the hive chores and
 ⑦ do
produce honey. Older workers or field bees collect
 ⑧ produce ⑨ collect
 nectar, pollen, and water. Drones are larger than worker
 bees. They not have any jobs. They mate with
 ⑩ not have
 the queen and die in the process.
 ⑪ die



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Frequency Adverbs

always usually often sometimes rarely never

- Be + frequency adverb
- frequency adverb + verb