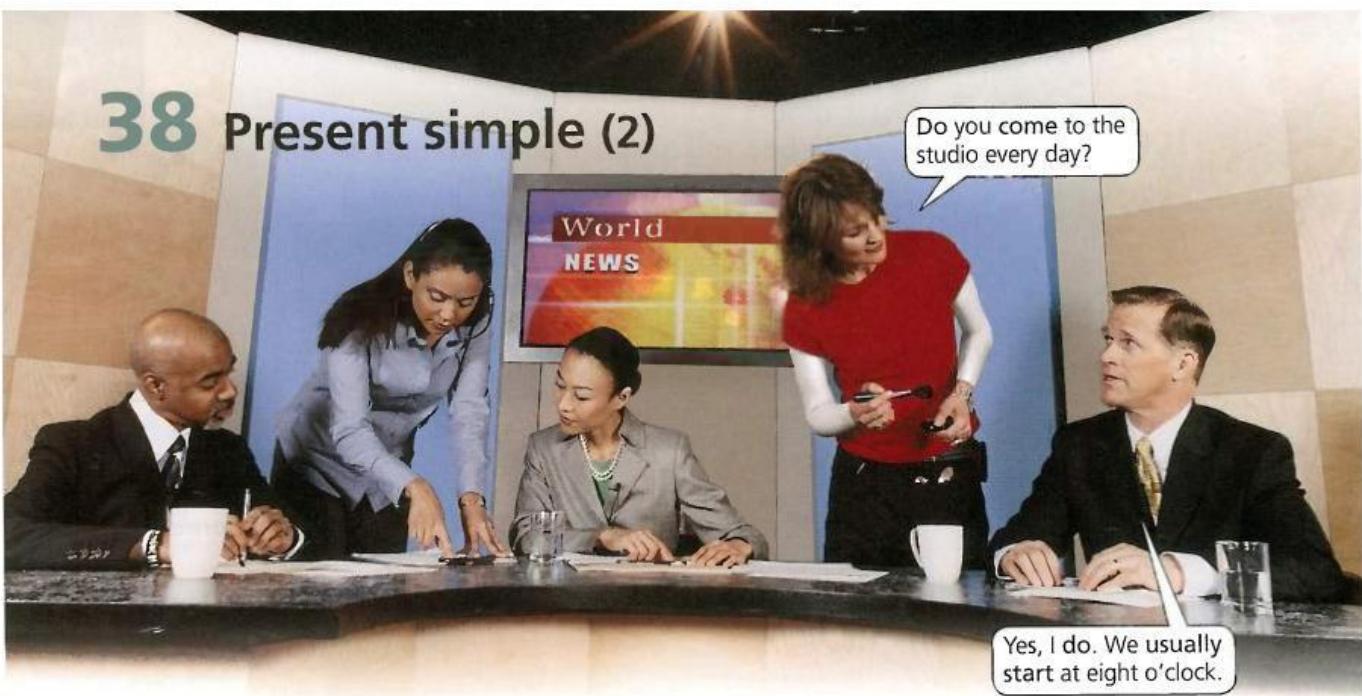


38 Present simple (2)



1 Form

Yes/No QUESTIONS			SHORT ANSWERS	
Do	I/we/you/they	work here?		Yes, I/we/you/they do. No, I/we/you/they do not (don't).
Does	he/she/it			Yes, he/she/it does. No, he/she/it does not (doesn't).

Wh- QUESTIONS

When/What time How often	do	I/we/you/they	get up? come?
What	does	he/she/it	do on Sundays?



We don't add *-s* to the main verb in questions and negatives.

X *Where does he works?* *✓ Where does he work?*

2 Use

We use the present simple for things that happen regularly:

David goes to work by bus. The bus stops outside his house.

'Do you drink a lot of coffee?' 'Yes, I do, but my parents only drink tea.'

When we talk about *when* or *how often* we do regular activities we can use

- time expressions (e.g. *every day/evening/weekend, at the weekend, on Mondays/Sundays, once a week/month/year*):

Do you come here every day? I go on holiday once a year.



Look at the word order:

✓ On Sundays, we go to our grandparents' house for lunch.

✓ We go to our grandparents' house for lunch on Sundays.

X We go on Sundays to our grandparents' house for lunch.

- adverbs of frequency (e.g. *never, often, always*). We usually put these BEFORE the verb:

We usually start at eight o'clock.

'Do you drive to work?' 'No, we always take public transport. We never drive.'



With the verb *be* we put the adverb AFTER the verb:

X She often is late. ✓ She's often late.

Practice

1 GRAMMAR IN USE Choose the correct words in *italics* in the text.



Alexandra Wilson
is an architect in
Sydney, Australia.

She tells us about
a typical day in her
busy life.

A DAY IN THE LIFE

I (0) *get up always / always get up* at seven o'clock. My husband (1) *work / works* in a restaurant so he (2) *get up / gets up* much later. I (3) *don't eat / doesn't eat* breakfast, I just drink a cup of coffee. I drive to the office and I (4) *usually am / am usually* at my desk by nine o'clock.

When I arrive, I (5) *check / checks* my email messages. After that, my assistant and I (6) *visit / visits* one of our buildings and (7) *talks / talk* to the builders. Then we (8) *go / goes* for lunch. We (9) *doesn't eat / don't eat* very much, just a salad or a sandwich. In the afternoon I work at the computer and my clients often (10) *calls / call* me on the phone.

I (11) *finishes / finish* work at six. In the evenings I like to relax by watching TV – I (12) *work never / never work* at home. But my husband (13) *doesn't finish / don't finish* before ten o'clock. So we (14) *don't see / doesn't see* each other very much! ■

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the conversation with the correct words from the box.

A Do you (0) *watch* TV during the day?
B No, I (1); I work during the day.
A What about the evenings? Do you watch TV then?
B Yes, I (2)
A What programmes (3) you like?
B I (4) films and comedy shows best. But I (5) watch the news – it's boring.
A (6) you watch TV on your own or with members of your family?
B Well, I (7) watch TV with my sister, but not very often. She (8) dramas and music programmes.
A (9) she watch the news?
B No, she (10)

do (x3) does doesn't
don't like likes never
sometimes watch

3 Use the verbs below to write questions. Then write true answers.

0 what time / you / get up *What time do you get up? I usually get up at 7.30.*
00 you / work / in an office *Do you work in an office? No, I'm a student.*
1 what / you / have / for breakfast
2 how often / you / watch TV
3 you / visit / friends / at the weekend
4 your family / go to the beach / in summer
5 you / often / go to bed / late
6 how often / your best friend / phone you