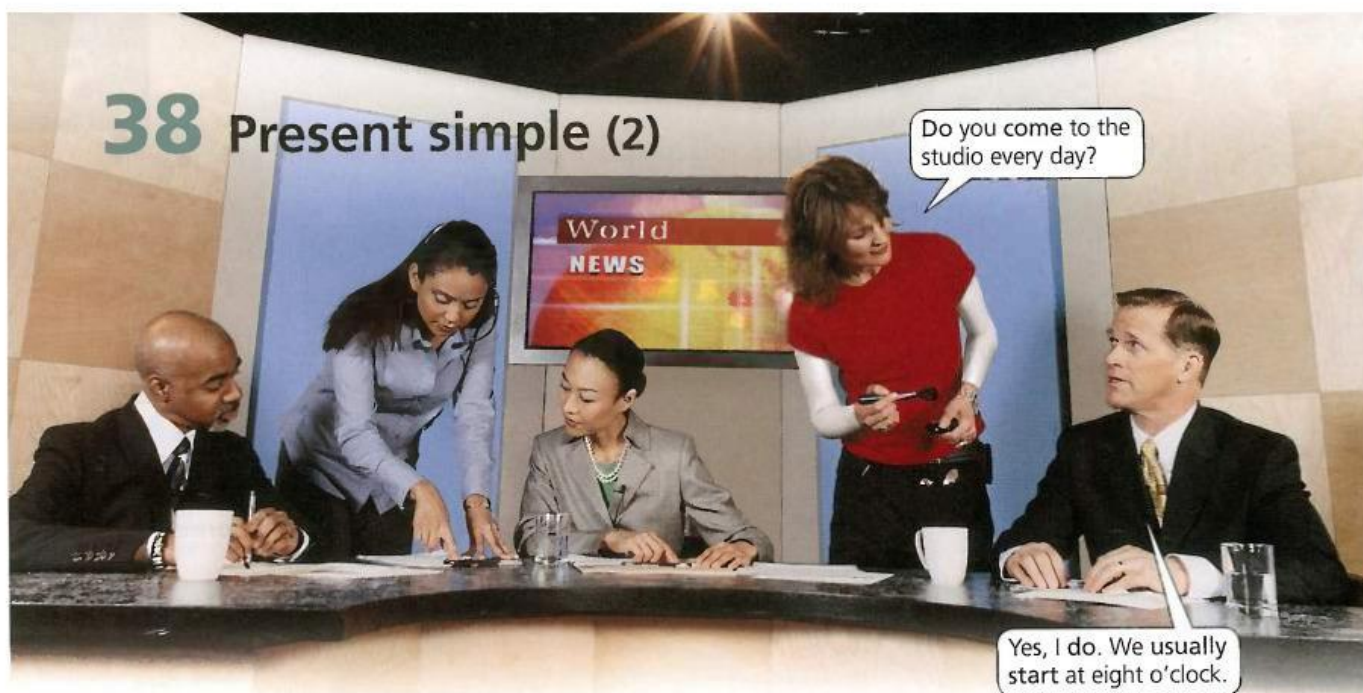


# 38 Present simple (2)



## 1 Form

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

## 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 .....