

## Present simple

### Form

#### statement

I/you/we/they **play** ...

He/she/it **plays** ...

#### negative

I/you/we/they **do not (do)** ...

He/she/it **does not (does)** ...

### Use

Present habits

Permanent situations

States

General truths

### Example

Marsha **goes** to dance lessons every Saturday.

**Does** Dan **work** at the company?

I **like** the new James Bond film.

You **play** chess with 32 pieces.

### Watch out!

The verbs be and have have irregular present forms.  
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**A** Look at the pictures of Helen and use the prompts to write sentences in the correct form of the present simple.



1 every day / get up / at half past seven



4 once a week / watch a film at the cinema



2 often / eat fast food for lunch



5 rarely / go to the gym



3 in the evening / usually / meet her friends for coffee



6 have a driving lesson / twice a week

- 1 Every day
- seven.....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....

**B** Complete using the correct present continuous form of the verb. You may have to use some negative forms.

- 1 Gordon? I think he ..... (write) a letter at the mo
- 2 Yes, the match is on TV now, but we ..... (lose)
- 3 Right now, Margaret ..... (have) a shower. Do y
- 4 Sally ..... (stay) with her aunt for a few days.
- 5 I ..... (lie)! It's true! I did see her on the TV

**D** Circle the correct word or phrase.

- 1 I **work** / **am working** at the local library for the summer.
- 2 We **don't go** / **aren't going** to the theatre very often.
- 3 Stacy **gets** / **is getting** ready for school, so she can't come to the phone.
- 4 **Does Gary ever talk** / **Is Gary ever talking** about his expedition to the Amazon jungle?
- 5 In squash, you **hit** / **are hitting** a ball against a wall.
- 6 I **read** / **am reading** a newspaper at least once a week.
- 7 **Do you practise** / **Are you practising** the piano for two hours every day?
- 8 Nadine and Claire **do** / **are doing** quite well at school at the moment.
- 9 A good friend **knows** / **is knowing** when you're upset about something.
- 10 How **do you spell** / **are you spelling** your name?

**E** Complete using the correct present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in the box. You may have to use some negative forms.

belong • do • have • help • hold • move • use • watch

- 1 In Monopoly, you ..... around the board, buying houses and hotels.
- 2 ..... you ..... this programme or can I turn the TV off?
- 3 Regular exercise ..... you to stay healthy.
- 4 I ..... my brother's guitar until I get a new one.
- 5 ..... Simon always ..... the washing-up after lunch?
- 6 ..... you ..... any sweaters in a larger size?
- 7 You ..... the kite right. Let me show you.
- 8 Dad ..... to the local astronomy club.

**F** Underline ten verbs in the wrong tense and rewrite them correctly.

'One game I am loving is backgammon. You are throwing the dice and then you move your pieces around the board. It is seeming quite easy, but in fact you are needing to be quite careful. When your piece lands on one of the other person's pieces, you are taking it off the board and you send it back to the beginning. You are winning by getting all your pieces to the end and off the board. Some people are preferring chess, but I am not understanding that game. Right now, I wait to have a game with my brother. He does his homework. I usually win, so I think he doesn't want to play a game with me!'

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| 2 ..... | 5 ..... | 8 .....  |
| 3 ..... | 6 ..... | 9 .....  |
|         |         | 10 ..... |