

PRESENT SIMPLE +/-



We use the present simple for regular activities. We use short forms (with apostrophes) for negatives: don't, doesn't. The apostrophe replaces the 'o' in not.

positive		negative	
I	play computer games.	I	don't (do not) play computer games.
We	like swimming.	We	don't (do not) like swimming.
You	go to bed at 11.00.	You	don't (do not) go to bed at 11.00.
They	do a lot of homework.	They	don't (do not) do a lot of homework.
He	plays computer games.	He	doesn't (does not) play computer games.
She	likes swimming.	She	doesn't (does not) like swimming.
It	goes to bed at 11.00.	It	doesn't (does not) go to bed at 11.00.
	does a lot of homework.		doesn't (does not) do a lot of homework.

Be careful! For he, she and it, make sure you add -s or -es to the verb. We add -s to most verbs.

She likes science.

He meets his friends in the park.

It starts at 7.30 in the morning.

We add -es after -o, -ch, -sh:

He goes to the boys' school.

She watches TV in her bedroom.

It finishes at 4.00 in the afternoon.

He does homework every day.

If a verb ends with a consonant + -y, we change -y to -/ and then add -es,

She studies English with a private teacher.

He tidies his room at the weekend.

INSTRUCTIONS: Choose the correct words to complete the sentences. Then make the sentences negative.

1. My brother **go** / **goes** to a different school from me. _____
2. My friend and I **meet** / **meets** in town at the weekend. _____
3. Our dog **has** / **have** a shower after a walk. _____
4. My cousins **play** / **plays** football with us. _____
5. My grandma **watch** / **watches** TV with her cat. _____
6. My sister **study** / **studies** music in Italy. _____



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INSTRUCTIONS: Make sentences from the prompts.

1 we / get up / early in the morning on school days

2 we / not go / to school on Sunday

3 our mum / go / to work at 8.30

4 Dad / have / lunch at work on weekdays

5 our sister / not like / art lessons

6 our grandfather / watch / TV all the time!

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the text with the present simple form of the verbs in brackets.

KUNG FU SCHOOL

The Shaolin Tagou School in China is a kung fu school. There are about 40,000 students at this school! Sixteen-year-old TianTian
1 (love) her school. What's it like?

I ² (get up) very early on school days. My day starts at 5.00 in the morning and ³ (finish) at 9.30 at night! We study school subjects in the morning and we ⁴ (do) kung fu training in the afternoon and evening. I want to be a kung fu actor and make kung fu films one day.

I ⁵ (not go) home after school. I sleep there. We have one free day a week. We ⁶ (not study) on Sunday. On my free day, I ⁷ (talk) to my friends, play games and watch TV. I don't see my parents. They ⁸ (live) far away.



INSTRUCTIONS: The sentences are wrong. Correct them by making them negative. Then read the text and write the correct answer.

1 TianTian's school day starts at 8.00 in the morning.

2 Kung fu training finishes in the afternoon.

3 TianTian goes home after school.

4 TianTian watches TV in the evening.

5 TianTian's parents see her on Sunday.

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present simple: positive and negative

- + School **starts** at 7.30. They **go** to a small school.
- I/We/You/They **don't talk**. He/She/It **doesn't go** to the boys' school.
- ! After **he/she/it**:
 - A** add **-s**. School **starts** at 7.30 **in the morning**.
 - B** add **-es** after **-o**, **-ch**, **-sh**. She **goes** to the girls' **school**.
 - C** change **-y** to **-ies**. He **studies**.

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the grammar box below. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I **get** / **gets** up at 7.00.
- 2 Our English lesson **start** / **starts** at 9.00.
- 3 My parents **play** / **plays** computer games with me.
- 4 We **don't** / **doesn't** have TVs in our bedrooms.

INSTRUCTIONS: Listen and choose the sentence you hear (A or B). Which sentences are true for you and your friends?

- 1 A I get up early on Saturday.
B I don't get up early on Saturday.
- 2 A My friend does her homework in the morning.
B My friend doesn't do her homework in the morning,
- 3 A My friends play football.
B My friends don't play football.
- 4 A My friend likes English lessons.
B My friend doesn't like English lessons.



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