

REFERENCE

present simple

We use the present simple for habits, repeated actions and routines, and for things that are always true.

positive

I/We/You/They	sing.
He/She/It	sing.

negative

I/We/You/They	don't sing.
He/She/It	doesn't sing.

questions

Do	I/we/you/they	sing?
Does	he/she/it	sing?

short answers

Yes,	I/we/you/they	do.
	he/she/it	does.
No,	I/we/you/they	don't.
	he/she/it	doesn't.

We use the present simple to talk about:

A something that is always or usually true.

She lives in England.

B a habit or routine.

He plays football every Saturday.

The present simple can be used with adverbs of frequency: *always, never, sometimes, ever, usually, often*.

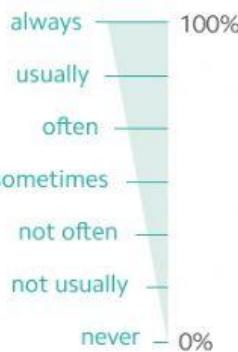
Adverbs of frequency say how often something happens and answer the question: *How often?*

I usually play video games on Saturday.

In summer, I sometimes go fishing.

I never go swimming. I don't like it.

adverbs of frequency



Adverbs of frequency come:

A before the main verb.

He usually takes photos at home.

B after the verb *be*.

She is always nervous before she performs.

Adverbs of frequency usually appear in the middle of a sentence.

The trains are never late.

We usually fly our kites on the beach.

But they can also appear in front or end position.

Sometimes he plays the piano.

Why don't you cook dinner more often?

We can add *-ly* to adjectives to say how something happens.

quick – quickly slow – slowly quiet – quietly

She speaks quickly.

Some adjectives don't change: *hard – hard, fast – fast, high – high, late – late, early – early*.

She likes getting up early.

Some adjectives are irregular: *good – well*.

much/many

Much is a quantity word meaning *a large amount of*. We use *much* with uncountable nouns.

How much free time does she have?

They didn't have much fun at the party.

Many is a quantity word meaning *a large number (of)*. We use *many* with countable nouns.

How many students go to chess club?

She doesn't have many books.

PRACTICE

present simple; adverbs of frequency

1 Complete the conversation with the present simple form of the verbs in brackets.

Tim: What ¹ you (do) in your free time?
Oliver: I ² (like) reading and playing cards.
Tim: ³ your sister (play) cards?
Oliver: No, she doesn't. She ⁴ (not like) cards.
Tim: What ⁵ your sister (do) in her free time?
Oliver: She likes cooking. She ⁶ (bake) cakes all the time.

2 Complete the text with the present simple form of these verbs.

go (x2) like (x2) listen not be not buy not sound spend

Anna usually ¹ her free time with her friends. They sometimes ² to the cinema on Fridays. On Saturday mornings she always ³ to town with her friends. Anna ⁴ usually anything! In the afternoon Anna and her friends often ⁵ to music in her bedroom. They ⁶ singing their favourite songs, but they ⁷ very good! When Anna ⁸ with her friends she ⁹ playing video games.

3 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 My dad doesn't like watching films. He **doesn't often go** / **usually goes** to the cinema.
- 2 Toby **never** / **always** plays his guitar after eleven o'clock at night because everyone is in bed.
- 3 Katy **often plays** / **doesn't often play** table tennis after school. It's her favourite hobby.
- 4 Matt and David **always** / **sometimes** watch cartoons, but not all the time.
- 5 My family **usually** / **don't often** go camping in the summer because we love being outside.
- 6 I **always** / **sometimes** dance on Saturday mornings. I have a dance lesson every Saturday at 9 a.m.

4 Rewrite the sentences. Put the adverbs in brackets in the correct place.

1 Grace goes to camera club on Wednesdays. (always)

2 We watch films in the morning. (never)

3 They aren't late. (usually)

4 My mum sings in the car. (often)

5 Table tennis club is on a Friday. (always)

6 William doesn't go shopping. (often)

much/many

5 Complete the questions with **much** or **many**.

- 1 How clubs do you go to?
- 2 How free time do you have?
- 3 How boys are in your class?
- 4 How time do you spend playing video games?
- 5 How times a year do you go to the cinema?
- 6 How music do you have on your phone?

6 Complete the email. Write one word for each gap.

 To: Ed  From: Alex

Hi Ed,

Do you ¹ to come to table tennis club with me? I ² every Monday after school. There aren't ³ people in the group and they're very friendly. It doesn't cost ⁴ money – it's only £1.50 a week. It starts at 4.30 p.m. and ⁵ at 5.30 p.m. What ⁶ you think?

Alex