3 Present Simple (1)

1 We form the Present Simple like this:

POSITIVE	
Singular	I **know**
	you **know**
	he/she/it **knows**
Plural	we **know**
	you **know**
	they **know**

*I **know** the answer.*
*She **starts** work at 9.30.*

We add **-s** after **he/she/it:**

I start → he starts I live → she lives

If a verb ends in **-ch**, **-o**, **-sh** or **-ss**, we add **-es** after **he/she/it:**

I watch → he watches you do → he does
they go → it goes we wash → she washes

If a verb ends in a consonant (**b**, **c**, etc.) + **y** (e.g. **study**), we use **-ies** after **he/she/it:**

I study → he studies I fly → it flies

(For more examples, see Appendix 2, page 243.)

2 Now look at these examples of the negative:
*I **don't like** that music.*
*He **doesn't listen** to his teacher.*

NEGATIVE	
FULL FORM	*SHORT FORM*
I **do not know.**	I **don't know.**
You **do not know.**	You **don't know.**
He/She/It **does not know.**	He **doesn't know.**
We **do not know.**	We **don't know.**
You **do not know.**	You **don't know.**
They **do not know.**	They **don't know.**

Note that we say:
He does not know. (NOT ~~*He does not knows.*~~)

3 We use the Present Simple:



- to talk about things that happen regularly:
  *He **plays** golf every day.*
- to talk about facts:
  *She **comes** from France.*
  (= She is French.)
  *Greengrocers **sell** vegetables.*
  *I **don't speak** Chinese.*

Practice

A **Add *-s* or *-es* to the verbs in the sentences if it is necessary. If it is not necessary, put a tick (✓) in the gap.**

► He work*s*..... in a bank.
► They live ✓..... in France.

1 I watch ..... TV every day.
2 She go ..... to work by car.
3 The film finish ..... at ten o'clock.
4 We play ..... tennis every weekend.
5 They go ..... on holiday in August.
6 He speak ..... Italian and French.
7 She do ..... her homework every night.
8 We start ..... work at half past eight.

B **Now finish these sentences using a verb from the box. Use each verb once. Remember to add *-s* or *-es* if necessary.**

fly	study	finish	~~eat~~	sell	smoke	drink	live

► He *eats*..... toast for breakfast.
1 I ..... coffee three times a day.
2 My father ..... a new language every year.
3 She ..... to New York once a month.
4 He ..... ten cigarettes a day.
5 They ..... in Ireland.
6 He ..... work at six o'clock.
7 I ..... fruit in a shop.

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C Write these sentences, using the negative form of the Present Simple.

► (He/not/live/in Mexico) He doesn't live in Mexico.
1 (She/not/work/in a bank) .....
2 (I/not/play/golf) .....
3 (Paul/not/listen/to the radio) .....
4 (We/not/speak/French) .....
5 (You/not/listen/to me!) .....
6 (My car/not/work) .....
7 (I/not/drink/tea) .....
8 (Sheila/not/eat/meat) .....
9 (I/not/understand/you) .....

D Put in the verbs from the box, in the Present Simple. Use each verb once.

leave	start	arrive	~~get~~	watch	work	brush
eat	have	like	drink	go	stop	

Interviewer: How do you start the day, Jim?
Jim: Well, I (►) get ..... up at six o'clock. I get washed and dressed, and I (1)..... breakfast at seven o'clock. After breakfast, I (2)..... my teeth. I (3)..... to work at eight.
Interviewer: When do you get to work?
Jim: I usually (4)..... at my office at about half past eight. First, I (5)..... a cup of coffee, and then I (6)..... work at 8.45 a.m.
Interviewer: Where do you work?
Jim: I (7)..... in a bank. I am a computer operator. I (8)..... my job. It's very interesting.
Interviewer: When do you eat lunch?
Jim: I (9)..... work and I have lunch at one o'clock. I (10)..... a cup of tea at half past three.
Interviewer: When do you finish work?
Jim: I (11)..... the office at six o'clock. I eat dinner when I get home. Then I (12)..... TV for an hour or two.

E Use the table to write facts about Joan. A tick (✓) means that something is true. A cross (✗) means that something is not true. Use the verbs in brackets ( ).

►	1	2	3	4
from Scotland ✓	in a bank ✗	in a flat ✓	French ✓	new films ✗
from England ✗	in a shop ✓	in a house ✗	Italian ✗	old films ✓

► (come) She comes from Scotland. ► She doesn't come from England.
1 (work) She ..... in a bank. She ..... in a shop.
2 (live) She ..... . She ..... .
3 (speak) ....
4 (like) ....

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