

THE PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE

I. GRAMMAR

1.1 Usage

Habits and routines



I wake up early every morning

Permanent facts and general truths



The Earth revolves around the Sun

Schedules and timetables

Your Weekly Time Block Schedule							
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
07:00 - 08:00	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
08:00 - 09:00	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
09:00 - 10:00	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
10:00 - 11:00	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
11:00 - 12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00 - 13:00	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
13:00 - 14:00	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
14:00 - 15:00	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
15:00 - 16:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
16:00 - 17:00	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
17:00 - 18:00	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math

Breakfast starts at 6 a.

	(+) Affirmative	
I / You / We / They	work / study / play	
He / She / It	works / studies / plays	

(-) Negative	(?) Interrogative (Yes/No)
Subject + do/does + not + base verb	Do/Does + subject + base verb ... ?
<i>She does not (doesn't) work on Sundays.</i>	<i>Does she work on Sundays?</i>

1.2 Spelling rules for the third person singular (he / she / it)

Rule	Example	Result
Most verbs: add -s	work	works
-s, -sh, -ch, -x, -o: add -es	watch, go	watches, goes
Consonant + y: change y → ies	study	studies
Vowel + y: add -s	play	plays

1.3 Adverbs of frequency

Adverbs of frequency are placed before the main verb, but after the verb "to be".

always	usually	sometimes	never
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- She is always on time. (*after "to be"*)
- He usually arrives early. (*before the main verb*)

1.5 Common errors

×	She go to work by bus.	✓	She goes to work by bus.
×	Does he likes coffee?	✓	Does he like coffee?
×	I don't works on weekends.	✓	I don't work on weekends.

II. EXERCISES

Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Exercise 1 — Choose the correct verb form.

1. My roommate (*study / studies*) economics at this university.
2. The library (*close / closes*) at 10 p.m. on weekdays.
3. My parents (*doesn't / don't*) live in the city centre.
4. (*Do / Does*) your class have a final exam this semester?
5. Our professor (*doesn't accept / don't accept*) late submissions.

Exercise 2 — Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

6. The registrar's office _____ (open) at 8:00 a.m.
7. She _____ (not / agree) with the new policy.
8. How often _____ you _____ (review) your lecture notes?
9. This course _____ (require) two written assignments.
10. My classmates usually _____ (submit) their work online.

Exercise 3 — Rewrite each sentence in the form indicated.

11. He attends every lecture. (*negative*) → _____
12. They meet on Fridays. (*question*) → _____
13. The seminar finishes at noon. (*negative*) → _____