

UNIT 1: BASIC GRAMMAR STRUCTURES

LESSON 1: THE PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE

Note:

- The **Present Simple Tense** expresses daily routines, general facts, and fixed schedules.
- Make sure to match the verb ending with third-person singular subjects (*He, She, It, or Singular Noun*).

1. WHAT IS THE PRESENT SIMPLE?

We use the Present Simple tense for three primary purposes in academic and daily communication:

Function	Description	Example
Daily Routines	Actions repeated regularly	I attend lectures every morning.
General Facts	Statements that are always true	Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius.
Timetables	Fixed schedules for programs or transport	The university library closes at 9 PM.

2. FORM (CẤU TRÚC)**2.1 Affirmative**

Subject	Verb Structure	Example
I / You / We / They	work / study / play (Base Verb)	<i>I go to university every day.</i>
He / She / It	works / studies / plays (Verb + -s/-es)	<i>She works in an office.</i>

2.2 Negative

Formula: Subject + **do / does not** + Base Verb

*I **do not like** coffee.*

*He **does not watch** TV at night.*

2.3 Yes/No Questions

Formula: **Do / Does** + Subject + Base Verb?

3. ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY

Adverbs of frequency show how often an action happens. Place them **before** the main verb, but **after** the verb *to be*.

Adverb	Example Sentence
ALWAYS (100%)	Professors always require academic citations.
USUALLY (80%)	I usually get up at 6 a.m. for morning classes.
SOMETIMES (40%)	Students sometimes revise in the library hall.
NEVER (0%)	Honest scholars never cheat on final exams.

5. PRACTICE EXERCISES

Choose the correct answer suitable for university-level academic contexts.

1. Professor Miller _____ research archives in the central campus library every Tuesday.

- (A) examine (B) examines (C) examining (D) is examine

2. Most first-year university students _____ live in campus dormitories during their first term.

- (A) does (B) do (C) is (D) are

3. _____ the academic board review research proposals at the start of each semester?

- (A) Do (B) Is (C) Does (D) Are

4. Senior scholars _____ present their findings at annual international academic conferences.

- (A) usually (B) usually does (C) does usually (D) is usually

5. The computer science laboratory _____ open on national public holidays.

- (A) do not (B) does not (C) is not (D) not

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