

The Present Simple Tense



The use:

We use the present simple to:

- 1- Talk about routines and habits: e.g: I drink coffee every morning.
- 2- Talk about something that is true in the present: e.g: She is a student.
- 3- Talk about facts: e.g: Water freezes at zero degree.

The rules:

They/ We/ You/ I

She/ He/ It

Sub.+ v1+com.

e.g. We play football weekly.

Sub. +v1 (s/es) +com.

1. verb (s)

e.g. She writes emails every Friday.

2. For verbs that end in -O, -CH, -SH, -SS, -X, or -Z we add -es

(e.g: fix/wash/brush/miss/mix /teach)

e.g. He goes to the park every week.

e.g.2: She watches TV every day.

3. For verbs that end in a consonant + Y, we remove the Y and add -ies.

(e.g: fly/cry/try)

e.g. She studies daily.

4. For verbs that end in a vowel + Y, we just add -s.

(e.g: pay / enjoy/ say / buy)

e.g. He plays basketball on Mondays.

Negative: (neg.)

(They/ we/you/I) + **don't**+ v1

e.g.1: They **don't** play football
every week.

e.g.2: I **don't** drive to university.

e.g.3: We **don't** play football
weekly.

(She/he/it) + **doesn't**+ v1

e.g.1: She **doesn't** write emails on
Fridays.

e.g.2: John **doesn't** live near us.

E.g.3: He **doesn't** go to the park
every day.

**Remember that (do/does) always followed by the
base verb which means you delete the (s/es).**



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Interrogative (question):



1- Yes/No questions:

Q: Do + (they/we/I/you) + V1+ com.?

A: Yes, (they/we/I/you) do. **or** No, (they/we/I/you) + don't.

*e.g. Do they play football daily? Yes, they do. **or** No, they don't.

Q: Does + (she/he/it) +V1+ com.?

A: Yes, (she/he/it) does. **No, (she/he/it) + doesn't.**

*e.g. Does she write an email on Mondays? Yes, she does. **or** No, she doesn't.



2- Wh- Q: The answer will be a sentence.

Q: Wh- word + do+ (they/we/I/you) + V (1) + com?

A: the answer should be a sentence.

e.g1: How often do you go to the park? We sometimes go to the park.

e.g2: Where do they play basketball every Tuesday?

They play basketball in the garden every Tuesday.

e.g3: How do they get to work? They get to work by car.

Q: Wh- word + does+ (she/he/it) + V (1) + com?

A: the answer should be a sentence.

e.g1: When does she help her mother? She helps her mother at 5:00.

e.g2: Where does she live? She lives in Amman.

e.g3: Who does he meet on Saturdays? He meets Anas on Saturdays.

The Key words: every day, month, week, etc. /on Sundays...etc./ weekly, daily,

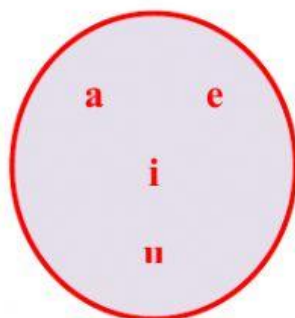
*** Adverbs of frequency :** usually, sometimes, always, often and never.

* (They/we/you/I) + (usually, sometimes, always, often and never.) + V1+com.

* (she/he/it)+ (usually, sometimes, always, often and never.) + V (s/es)+ com.

e.g. I sometimes go to the cinema.

e.g. She never plays football.



The vowel letters:
a/e/i/u/o

***Verb (Have) as a main verb in the present simple tense:**

When we use verb **to have** as a main verb, we should use a helping verb with it (to do) in negative or interrogative sentences.

***Examples:**



Affirmative sentence:	Negative sentence	Interrogative sentence
They have a car.	They don't have a car.	Do they have a car? Yes, they do . <u>or</u> No, they don't .
He has a black hair.	He doesn't have a black hair.	Does he have a black hair? Yes, he does . <u>or</u> No, he doesn't .
I have lunch.	I don't have lunch.	Do you have lunch? Yes, I do . <u>or</u> No, I don't .

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*Verb (do) as a main verb in the present simple tense: بمعنى انجز أو فعل

*Examples:

Affirmative sentence:	Negative sentence	Interrogative sentence
I do my homework.	I don't do my homework.	Do you do your homework? Yes, I do . <u>or</u> No, I don't .
He does his homework.	He doesn't do his homework.	Does he do his homework? Yes, he does . <u>or</u> No, he doesn't .
He does a lot of exercising.	He doesn't do a lot of exercising.	-----
People often do what they like.	-----	-----
She always does her work.	She doesn't always do her work.	-----
They always do that.	They don't always do that.	Do they always do that? Yes, they do . <u>or</u> No, they don't .



Critical thinking Question: What do you think the difference between using verb to be and verb to do in the simple present tense?



Verbs to be are usually used when we talk about a job or describing a person or a thing, and there is no main verb in the same sentence. **While verbs to do** are usually used with a main verb to make a negative or interrogative sentences.

Examples:

- ❖ I **am** a doctor.
- ❖ They **are** pilots.
- ❖ It **is** a yellow bag.
- ❖ She **doesn't study** every day.

Helping verb

Main verb

Exercise:



Choose the correct form of the verb between brackets:

1. He _____ me something new every day. (teach)
2. I _____ a programmer. (be)
3. He _____ coffee at breakfast. (drink)
4. The train _____ at 5 pm today. (arrive)
5. The earth _____ around the sun. (circle)
6. He _____ a doctor. (not/be)
7. She _____ to school by bus. (not/go)
8. _____ she happy? (be)
9. Do you _____ hard for exams? (study)
10. _____ Dana _____ a cake every day? (make)
11. Where _____ you _____ lunch? (have)
12. When _____ she _____ a new house? (buy)
13. How often _____ you _____ your teeth? (brush)