

Talking about the present

GRAMMARZONE

Present simple

- **something that is always true or usually true**

Sarah **lives** with her mother in London.

Fish **swim** in the sea.

- **a habit or routine**

She **plays** tennis every Monday.

We **watch** TV in the evenings.

- **fixed timetables**

The London train **leaves** at 2 p.m.

School **starts** at eight o'clock.

- **don't/doesn't to make a negative**

I **don't have** blue eyes.

He **doesn't go** to my school.

Present simple questions and short answers

- **do/does to make questions in the present simple**

Do you **go** to dance lessons?

Does she **study** here?

- **do/don't or does/doesn't for short answers**

Yes, I **do**./No, I **don't**.

Yes, she **does**./No, she **doesn't**.

1 Complete the sentences with the present simple form of the verbs.

- 1 She performs (perform) in front of a live audience every evening.
- 2 My brother (not watch) juggling acts.
- 3 The judges (listen) to the contestants sing and (make) a decision.
- 4 I (not dance) to classical music.
- 5 She (dream) of being on stage one day.
- 6 My friend and I (play) computer games at her house.
- 7 Rachel (not work) in a hospital. She (work) in an office.

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

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- 1 Do you watch (you) talent shows?
- 2 (Pavlos) fishing with his dad?
- 3 (your teacher) in school talent shows?
- 4 (you) chess at a club?
- 5 (Tom) a lot of time on his computer?
- 6 (I) my concert ticket on the Internet?
- 7 (school bus) at 8.15 a.m. or 8.45 a.m.?

3 Look at the notes and answer the questions about Tom and Mary.

	Tom	Mary
skateboarding	x	✓
writing stories	✓	x
painting pictures	✓	✓
magic tricks	x	x
karate	x	x
Science	✓	✓

- 1 Does Mary like skateboarding? Yes, she does.
- 2 Does Tom like skateboarding?
- 3 Do Tom and Mary like magic tricks?
- 4 Does Tom like writing stories?
- 5 Does Mary like writing stories?
- 6 Do Tom and Mary like painting pictures?
- 7 Does Mary like karate?
- 8 Do Tom and Mary like Science?