

Talking about the present

GRAMMAR ZONE

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	✗	✓
writing stories	✓	✗
painting pictures	✓	✓
magic tricks	✗	✗
karate	✗	✗
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?