

LEVEL 4 : LE PRESENT SIMPLE

Pour exprimer ce qui est permanent (qui était d'actualité hier, qui est d'actualité aujourd'hui et sera probablement d'actualité demain) on utilise le présent simple.

DO est son auxiliaire. Ce petit mot n'a qu'une fonction : Signaler que l'on parle d'une habitude dans le présent.

A la forme affirmative, le verbe ne subit aucune transformation SAUF à la 3ème personne du singulier où il se voit ajouter un 'S' ou un 'ES'.

I work

We work

You work

You work

He works

They work

She works

It works

Attention ! BE est le seule verbe qui n'a pas besoin de l'auxiliaire DO.

Ex : I am smart. I am not stupid.

EXERCISE 1

Choose the correct verb form & the correct preposition between the following list: FOR WITH WITH IN TO TO

We IS / ARE / AM currently the kitchen business.

My boss IS / ARE / AM very nice me.

He SPEND / SPENDS lot of time explain things clearly.

I IS / ARE / AM very grateful that.

My boss and I often VISIT / VISITS clients together.

He HAVE / HAS very good relationships his clients.

But it IS / ARE / AM really hard work

because it TAKE / TAKES a lot of time convince them.

But my boss HAVE / HAS a secret device : a virtual reality headset.

When customers WEAR / WEARS those glasses,

they instantly GET / GETS into their kitchen

and they IS / ARE / AM instantly charmed.

A la forme négative, l'auxiliaire **DO** apparaît systématiquement et se voit accoler la négation (**NOT**).

On observe que le 'S' ou 'ES' de la 3^{ème} personne du singulier se déplace sur l'auxiliaire DO à la forme négative, ce qui devient **DOES NOT**.

Ex : I **don't** work in a bank. My father **doesn't** work in a bank.

EXERCISE 2

Select the correct PRESENT SIMPLE verb forms.

'+' means that it's an affirmative sentence ; '-' means that it's a negative sentence.

On Mondays, I **WAKE** / **WAKES** up at 7 o'clock. '+'

Then I **HAVE** / **HAS** a wash. '+'

I **DON'T HAVE** / **DOESN'T HAVE** breakfast. '-'

Then I **GO** / **GOES** out. '+'

I **WALK** / **WALKS** to the post office car park. '+'

There I **MEET** / **MEETS** John, my colleague. '+'

John **DRIVE** / **DRIVES** me to the workplace. '+'

It **TAKE** / **TAKES** about 20 minutes to get there by car. '+'

John **IS NOT** / **ARE NOT** / **AM NOT** the morning kind of guy. '-'

He **DON'T TALK** / **DOESN'T TALK** much so we listen to the radio. '-'

That **SUIT** / **SUITS** me well. '+'