

Present simple: affirmative *I like, she plays*

Frequency adverbs *always, usually*

Present simple

The present simple describes general facts, repeated actions and habits, and things that are always true.

- General facts

I like milk.

Maria plays basketball.

They speak Turkish.

We live in Australia.

- Repeated actions and habits

Harry often arrives late.

I walk to school every day.

I usually get up at 7.30.

My brother usually walks with me.

- Things that are always true

The sun rises in the east.

The earth goes round the sun.

<i>I walk</i>	<i>we walk</i>	
<i>you walk</i>	<i>they walk</i>	
<i>BUT he walks</i>	<i>she walks</i>	<i>it walks</i>

Spelling

Verbs ending in o, s, ch, sh, x add -es for the he/she/it form.

<i>go</i>	→	<i>goes</i>
<i>miss</i>	→	<i>misses</i>
<i>watch</i>	→	<i>watches</i>
<i>wash</i>	→	<i>washes</i>
<i>relax</i>	→	<i>relaxes</i>

always, usually, often, sometimes, never

We often use the present simple with these frequency adverbs.

<i>always</i>	100%	<i>Tim always wears jeans.</i>
<i>usually</i>	80%	<i>I usually go to bed at 9.30.</i>
<i>often</i>	60%	<i>Sue often goes to the cinema.</i>
<i>sometimes</i>	40%	<i>Sam sometimes walks to school.</i>
<i>never</i>	0%	<i>It never rains here in August.</i>

- The frequency adverb goes between the subject and the verb.

Monday always comes after Sunday.

GRAMMAR 2 PRESENT SIMPLE: AFFIRMATIVE; FREQUENCY ADVERBS

1 Look at the pictures. Complete each sentence with a verb from the box.

arrive	like	live	rain	start	teach
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- 1 David likes chocolate.
- 2 It rains here in November.
- 3 Liz lives with her family in Italy.
- 4 George often arrives late.
- 5 The lesson starts at 6.00.
- 6 Kate and Jim teach English in Spain.

2 Underline the correct word in each sentence.

- 1 Juan and Carmen live / lives in Madrid.
- 2 Harry watch / watches television every evening.
- 3 I usually go / goes to school by bus.
- 4 It never snow / snows in this city.
- 5 Sam live / lives in that house.
- 6 You never clean / cleans your teeth!
- 7 Carol get / gets up early every day.
- 8 All the buses leave / leaves from this bus-stop.

3 Complete each sentence. Use the verb and frequency adverb in brackets.

- 1 Tina (sometimes, miss) sometimes misses the bus to school.
- 2 I (never, get up) never get up before 6.00.
- 3 We (usually, take) usually take a holiday in August.
- 4 Jim and Helen (often, go) often go to the theatre.
- 5 I (often, sing) often sing in the shower.
- 6 Pat (sometimes, play) sometimes plays football on Sunday.
- 7 You (never, finish) never finish your homework!
- 8 Our teacher (always, wear) always wears a tie.