

UNIT 2: PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE

I. WHAT IS THE PRESENT SIMPLE?

We use the Present Simple to talk about:

  every day Daily routine	 Water boils at 100°C. General fact	 Class starts at 8:00. Timetable / schedule
Daily routines I go to class every day.	General facts Water boils at 100°C.	Timetables & schedules The class starts at 8:00.

II. FORM

1. Affirmative

Subject	Verb	Example
I / You / We / They	work / study / play	They study English.
He / She / It	works / studies / plays	She works in an office.

♦ **Remember:** With **he / she / it**, add **-s / -es** to the main verb.

2. Negative

Form: Subject + do/does not + base verb

I / You / We / They	do not (don't) + base verb	I don't like coffee.
He / She / It	does not (doesn't) + base verb	He doesn't watch TV.

♦ **Important:** After **doesn't**, use the **base verb**: **doesn't like** ✓, not **doesn't likes** ✗.

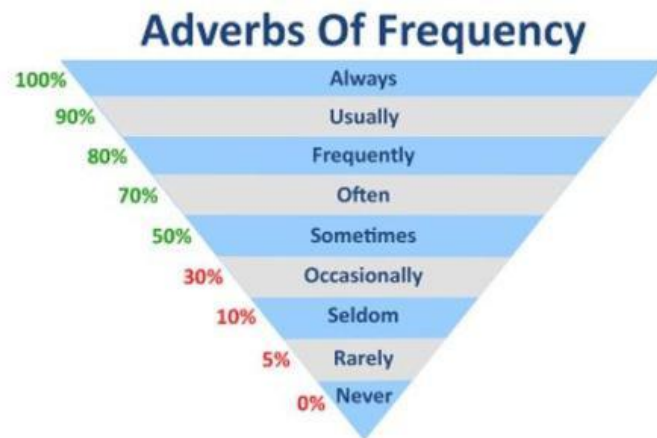
3. Yes/No Questions

Form: Do/Does + subject + base verb?

Do + I/you/we/they + verb?	Do you play football?
Does + he/she/it + verb?	Does she live near here?

III. ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY

Adverbs of frequency tell us **how often** something happens.



IV. COMMON MISTAKES

✗ She go to school every day.	✓ She goes to school every day.
✗ Does he likes music?	✓ Does he like music?
✗ He doesn't plays football.	✓ He doesn't play football.

V. PRACTICE

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. She _____ (study) English every Monday and Wednesday.
2. They _____ (not / live) in London; they live in Manchester.
3. _____ your brother _____ (work) at a hospital?
4. I usually _____ (drink) tea in the morning, but today I am drinking milk.
5. He _____ (not / watch) TV on weekdays.