GRAMMAR REFERENCE & PRACTICE

THE PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE

I. GRAMMAR

1.1 Usage

Habits and routines



I wake up early every morning

Permanent facts and general truths



The Earth revolves around the Sun

Schedules and timetables



Breakfast starts at 6 a.

	(+) Affirmative	
I / You / We / They	work / study / play	
He / She / It	works / studies / plays	

(-) Negative	(?) Interrogative (Yes/No)
Subject + do/does + not + base verb	Do/Does + subject + base verb ... ?
She does not (doesn't) work on Sundays.	*Does she work on Sundays?*

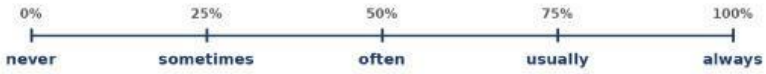
1.2 Spelling rules for the third person singular (he / she / it)

Rule	Example	Result
Most verbs: add -s	work	works
-s, -sh, -ch, -x, -o: add -es	watch, go	watches, goes
Consonant + y: change y → ies	study	studies
Vowel + y: add -s	play	plays

1.3 Adverbs of frequency

Adverbs of frequency are placed before the main verb, but after the verb "to be".

always	usually	sometimes	never



- She is always on time. *(after "to be")*
- He usually arrives early. *(before the main verb)*

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1.5 Common errors

✗	She go to work by bus.	✓	**She goes to work by bus.**
✗	Does he likes coffee?	✓	**Does he like coffee?**
✗	I don't works on weekends.	✓	**I don't work on weekends.**

II. EXERCISES

Name: _____ **Student ID:** _____

Exercise 1 — Choose the correct verb form.

1. My roommate *(study / studies)* economics at this university.
2. The library *(close / closes)* at 10 p.m. on weekdays.
3. My parents *(doesn't / don't)* live in the city centre.
4. *(Do / Does)* your class have a final exam this semester?
5. Our professor *(doesn't accept / don't accept)* late submissions.

Exercise 2 — Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

6. The registrar's office _____ (open) at 8:00 a.m.
7. She _____ (not / agree) with the new policy.
8. How often _____ you _____ (review) your lecture notes?
9. This course _____ (require) two written assignments.
10. My classmates usually _____ (submit) their work online.

Exercise 3 — Rewrite each sentence in the form indicated.

11. He attends every lecture. *(negative)* → _____
12. They meet on Fridays. *(question)* → _____
13. The seminar finishes at noon. *(negative)* → _____

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