

THE PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE

GRAMMAR

I. USAGE

We use the Present Simple for **habits, general facts, and fixed schedules.**

Daily routines	General facts	Timetables and schedules
		
<i>I get up at 6 a.m.</i>	<i>Water boils at 100°C.</i>	<i>The train leaves at 9.</i>

II. FORM

Subject	Affirmative (+)	Negative (-)	Question (?)
I / You / We / They	work / study / play	do not (don't) work	Do ... work?
He / She / It	works / studies / plays	does not (doesn't) work	Does ... work?



e.g. (+) *She works in an office.* (-) *He does not watch TV at night.* (?) *Do you play football?*

III. ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY

Frequency adverbs usually go **before the main verb** (but after am/is/are), in this order:

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never	rarely	sometimes	often	usually	always

e.g. I **usually** get up at 6 a.m. She is **never** late.

IV. COMMON MISTAKES

Incorrect	Correct
She go to school every day.	She goes to school every day.
Does he likes music?	Does he like music?

EXERCISE**A. Put the verb into the correct Present Simple form.**

1. My sister _____ (not / like) coffee.
2. _____ you _____ (speak) English?
3. Water _____ (boil) at 100°C.
4. He _____ (study) Vietnamese at university.
5. They _____ (not / live) in Hanoi.
6. _____ she _____ (work) on Saturdays?

B. Choose the correct sentence.

7. ☐ He go to the gym every morning. ☐ He goes to the gym every morning.
8. ☐ Do she like tea? ☐ Does she like tea?

C. Rewrite the sentences using the adverb in brackets.

9. I am late for class. (never) → _____
10. We eat breakfast at home. (usually) → _____