

Free A1-A2 Grammar Worksheet PDF

Present Simple: Positive, Negative and Questions

For English learners, ESL students, teachers and tutors

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1. Grammar focus

Use	Form	Examples
Positive: I / you / we / they	subject + base verb	I work online. They live near the centre.
Positive: he / she / it	subject + verb + -s / -es / -ies	She works from home. He watches films. The class finishes at six.
Negative: I / you / we / they	do not / don't + base verb	I do not drive. We don't open on Sundays.
Negative: he / she / it	does not / doesn't + base verb	He does not eat meat. It doesn't cost much.
Questions	Do / Does + subject + base verb?	Do you teach adults? Does she speak Italian?
Short answers	Yes, subject + do/does. No, subject + don't/doesn't.	Yes, I do. / No, I don't. Yes, she does. / No, she doesn't.

Important: After **does** or **doesn't**, use the base verb: *Does he work?* not *Does he works?***Spelling:** add **-es** after verbs such as *watch, finish, go*. Change consonant + **y** to **-ies**: *study - studies*.

2. Choose the correct form

1. My sister **work** / **works** in a hospital.
2. I **do not** / **does not** drink coffee after lunch.
3. **Do** / **Does** your students practise speaking every week?
4. Ben **watch** / **watches** football at weekends.
5. The lesson **finish** / **finishes** at nine o'clock.
6. We **don't** / **doesn't** use that app.
7. **Do** / **Does** Marta live near the beach?
8. He **study** / **studies** English on Tuesdays.

3. Match the sentence to the grammar reason

Match sentences 1-8 to reasons A-J. Two reasons are not used.

Sentences	Reasons
1. She works in a school.	A. Negative sentence with doesn't + base verb.
2. Do they live near the station?	B. Question with Does + subject + base verb.
3. He doesn't drive to work.	C. Verb takes -es after go.
4. I play tennis on Saturdays.	D. Positive sentence with he/she/it + verb + -s.
5. Does the shop open at ten?	E. Yes/no question with Do + subject + base verb.
6. They don't eat meat.	F. Past simple action.
7. My brother studies German.	G. Verb ending changes from -y to -ies.
8. The bus goes past the library.	H. Negative sentence with don't + base verb.
	I. Present continuous action happening now.
	J. Positive sentence with I/you/we/they + base verb.

4. Correct the mistakes

Each sentence has one present simple mistake. Write the corrected sentence.

1. She work in a bank.

2. Does he likes this city?

3. I doesn't know the answer.

4. They lives in a flat near the park.

5. Do Maria speak Spanish?

6. My phone don't work well.

7. The course finish at five.

8. He go to the gym before work.

5. Complete the mini-dialogues

Complete each mini-dialogue with the correct present simple form.

1. A: _____ you work at weekends? B: No, I don't.

2. A: Where _____ your brother live? B: He lives in Cardiff.

3. A: _____ Anna teach children? B: Yes, she does.

4. A: My laptop _____ very slowly. B: You need a new one. (*work*)

5. A: What time _____ the class start? B: It starts at eight.

6. A: They _____ meat. B: Are they vegetarian? (*not eat*)

7. A: How often _____ you practise English? B: Every day.

8. A: He _____ TV after dinner. B: Really? I never do. (*watch*)

6. Rewrite the sentences

Rewrite each sentence in the form shown in brackets.

1. He works from home. (**negative**)

2. They live near the centre. (**question**)

3. She studies English every day. (**question**)

4. I use this app. (**negative**)

5. The train leaves at 7.30. (**question**)

6. We have lessons on Mondays. (**negative**)

7. Marta watches the news. (**negative**)

8. You need a password. (**question**)

7. Meaning and use task

Match each sentence to the correct use.

Sentence	Use
1. I work from home on Fridays.	A. Question about a preference
2. The cafe opens at seven.	B. Question with Does + subject + base verb
3. Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius.	C. Weekly routine
4. She never eats breakfast before work.	D. Negative routine
5. Do you like Italian food?	E. General fact
6. He doesn't take the lift.	F. Timetable or fixed schedule
7. They live in a small flat.	G. Habit with an adverb of frequency
8. Does your brother play football?	H. Permanent situation

8. Speaking practice

Ask and answer with a partner. Use full present simple answers.

1. What time do you usually wake up?	2. Do you study English every day?
3. Where do you live?	4. What does your best friend do at weekends?
5. Do you drink coffee in the morning?	6. How often do you watch films in English?
7. Does your city have good public transport?	8. What apps do you use every day?

9. Write your own sentences

Write complete present simple sentences. Use two lines for each answer.

1. Write one positive sentence about your daily routine.

2. Write one negative sentence about food or drink.

3. Write one question with **Do**.

4. Write one question with **Does**.

5. Write one sentence about a timetable or schedule.

6. Write one sentence about someone you know.

10. Vocabulary and grammar sentence practice

Use each prompt to write a complete present simple sentence.

Prompt	Your sentence
work from home	
practise pronunciation	
go to the centre	
not eat breakfast	
watch the news	
start at 9.00	

11. Error-checking challenge

Find and correct exactly seven present simple mistakes in the paragraph.

My friend Leo live near the station. He work in a language school and teach adults in the evening. He do not drive, so he takes the bus to work. His classes starts at six, and he usually finish at nine. On Saturdays, he don't teach. He goes to the market and cooks dinner for his friends.

Write the seven corrections.

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12. Useful reminders

Reminder	Example
Use the base verb with I, you, we and they.	I work. / They live.
Add -s, -es or -ies with he, she and it.	She works. / He watches. / It finishes.
Use do not / don't before the base verb.	We don't drive.
Use does not / doesn't before the base verb.	He doesn't drive.
Use Do or Does to make questions.	Do you work? / Does she work?