

# Present Simple

## USES

✳ We use the present simple to talk about:

- things that are always true

E.g.: The sun rises in the east.

- habits and things that happen repeatedly.

E.g.: I play guitar on Saturdays.

✳ we often use the simple present with words that tell you how often: for example *always, never, often, sometimes, usually, once a day ...*

E.g.: You never listen to me.

## FORM

✳ we make present simple negatives with: do / does + infinitive

✳ we make present simple questions with: do / does + subject + infinitive

### AFFIRMATIVE

He / she / it plays

I / you / we / they play

### NEGATIVE

He / she / it **does not** play

I / you / we / they **do not** play

### INTERROGATIVE

**Does** he / she / it **play**?

**Do** I / you / we / they **play**?



## SHORT FORMS

does not = doesn't

do not = don't

## HOW TO MAKE HE / SHE / IT FORMS

✳ **most verbs** : → + **-s** Examples: say - says; play - plays; know - knows.

✳ **-s, -sh, -ch, -x** : → + **-es** Examples: pass - passes; wash - washes; teach - teaches; mix - mixes

✳ **exceptions**: go - goes; do - does; have - has

## VERBS ENDING IN -Y

✳ **vowel + y** → + **-s** Example : say - says

✳ **consonant + y** → **-y - -ies** Example: fly - flies

✴ Write the he / she / it forms

1. catch = catches
2. come = comes
3. start = starts
4. watch = watches
5. wish = wishes
6. push = pushes
7. fix = fixes
8. touch = touches
9. play = plays
10. write = writes

✴ circle the correct form of the verb:

1. Mary take / takes care of her brother.
2. Mark play / plays in the park.
3. The men eat / eats fish.
4. I swim / swims in the lake.
5. Mary and Sue live / lives in Lisbon.
6. He is / are from Portugal.
7. My cat drink / drinks milk.
8. My father work / works in a bank.
9. Mary touch / touches her nose.
10. Mark study / studies hard.

✴ Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets:

1. The children love (love) the flowers in our garden.
2. We arrive (arrive) at school at 8.30.
3. A pianist plays (play) the piano.
4. Mary speaks (speak) English very well.
5. I take (take) a shower every morning.
6. Mr. Smith goes (go) to work by bus.
7. My English teacher is (be) very gentle with us.
8. A doctor treats (treat) patients.
9. Ann and her sister are (be) twins.
10. My cat likes (like) fish.

✴ Look at the following affirmative sentences. Put them in the negative form.

1. Mark gets up late. Mark does not get up late.
2. My mother cleans the room. My mother does not clean the room.
3. I am a student. I am not a student.
4. They go to the cinema at weekends. They do not go to the cinema at weekends.
5. I like ice-cream. I do not like ice-cream.
6. You drink water. You do not drink water.
7. I travel by plane. I do not travel by plane.
8. Bob sleeps until eleven o'clock on Sundays. Bob does not sleep until eleven o'clock on Sundays.
9. Meg's sister works in an office. Meg's sister does not work in an office.
10. The woman takes care of her house. The woman does not take care of her house.

☀ Write questions with do or does. Give short answers

1. *I play football. Do you play football? Yes, I do / No, I don't*
2. I live in Lisbon. Do you live in Lisbon? Yes, I do.
3. I study English. Do you study English? Yes, I do.
4. I watch TV after dinner. Do you watch TV? No, I don't.
5. I drink milk at breakfast. Do you drink milk? Yes I do.
6. I like cats. Do you like cats? No, I don't.
7. I help my mother. Do you help your mother? Yes, I do.
8. I go to school by bus. Do you go to school by bus? No, I don't.
9. I love birthday parties. Do you love birthday parties? Yes, I do.
10. I arrive at 6 o'clock. Do you arrive at six o'clock? Yes, I do.

☀ Complete the questions:

1. What time do you arrive at school?  
I arrive at school at 8 o'clock.
2. Where do you live?  
I live in Lisbon.
3. How do you go to school?  
I go to school by bus.
4. What's your name?  
My name is Mary.
5. When does school start?  
School starts in September.

☀ Ask questions:

1. Do you like ice-cream?  
Yes, I like ice-cream.
2. Do you know Susan?  
No, I don't know Susan.
3. Do you go to the beach?  
No, I don't go to the beach.
4. Do you go to school by bus?  
Yes, I go to school by bus.
5. Do you wake up late?  
No, I don't wake up late.