



PRESENT SIMPLE

The simple present tense in English is used to describe an action that is regular, true or normal.

We use the present tense:

1. For repeated or regular actions in the present time period.

- I **take** the train to the office.
- The train to Berlin **leaves** every hour.
- John **sleeps** eight hours every night during the week.

2. For facts.

- The President of The USA **lives** in The White House.
- A dog **has** four legs.
- We **come** from Switzerland.

3. For habits.

- I **get up** early every day.
- Carol **brushes** her teeth twice a day.
- They **travel** to their country house every weekend.

4. For things that are always / generally true.

Exercises

Conjugate the following verbs:



To eat

Subject	Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
I			
You			
He/She/It			
We			
You			
They			

To jump

Subject	Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
I			
You			
He/She/It			
We			
You			
They			

To drive

Subject	Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
I			
You			
He/She/It			
We			
You			
They			



Make the present simple (choose positive, negative or question):

1. (they / wear suits to work?)

Do they wear suits to work?

2. (he / not / say much)
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3. (when / she / study?)
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4. (she / know a lot about cooking)
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5. (we / make dinner at the weekends)
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6. (I / not / leave work on time very often)
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7. (she / meet her brother every week?)
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8. (they / find London's weather cold)
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9. (we / use the computer every day?)
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10. (you / not / smoke) _____

Underline mistakes and write correct present simple forms in the brackets. Be careful, in some questions there are one or two more mistakes.

1. Does your parents live in a house? (.....)



2. Do your brother and sister eat meat? (.....)
3. Does Sam works on a computer? (.....)
4. Do you think she is your best friend? (.....)
5. Do she thinks you are her best friend? (.....)
6. Do Jills cat catch mice at night? (.....)
7. Does Claire and Brad help in the garden? (.....)
8. Do Tims dogs eat bones? (.....)
9. Does her classmates do their homework? (.....)
10. Does your uncle and aunt watch football on TV? (.....)
11. Do Mikes friend speaks English? (.....)
12. Do lions live in India? (.....)

Fill the gaps with verbs in the simple present tense and use words ending in -s, -es and -ies.

Why Samuel wakes up early

Every day little Samuel (get) up early in the morning. He (hurry) downstairs and into the backyard. Where is she? Yes, over there. His black and white kitten always (play) in the grass. Little Samuel (catch) her with both hands, (grab) her under her soft belly, (lift) her into the air and (kiss) her on her pink nose. Then he (carry) her into the kitchen to give her a small bowl of milk. But sometimes he just (watch) his



kitten running on the grass. What a fast cat she is! She never (miss) a mosquito that (fly) low above the ground.

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

We use the Present Continuous with normal verbs to express the idea that something is happening now, at this very moment. It can also be used to show that something is not happening now.

In English, now can mean: this second, today, this month, this year, this century, and so on. Sometimes, we use the Present Continuous to say that we are in the process of doing a longer action which is in progress; however, we might not be doing it at this exact second.

Exercises

Conjugate the following verbs. Use the present simple.

To dance

Subject	Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
I			
You			
He/She/It			
We			
You			
They			



To break

Subject	Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
I			
You			
He/She/It			
We			
You			
They			

To write

Subject	Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
I			
You			
He/She/It			
We			
You			
They			

Dictation

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Complete with the Present Continuous.

1. I _____ (learn) how to swim.
2. I _____ (eat) my lunch.
3. I _____ (watch) television.
4. She _____ (read) a book.
5. Dad _____ (bake) a cake.
6. My sister _____ (listen) to music.
7. Peter _____ (clean) his car.
8. The dog _____ (bark) in the garden.
9. We _____ (sing) our favourite song.
10. My brother and I _____ (play) a computer game.
11. The teachers _____ (show) us a film.
12. They _____ (bring) a TV in the classroom.
13. She's bored. Her friend _____ (watch) TV again.
14. Martin's excited. Chelsea _____ (win) the match.
15. I'm scared. A big dog _____ (stand) in front of me.
16. She's happy. She _____ (not work) today.
17. I'm worried. It _____ (rain) and I haven't got an umbrella.
18. The teacher is annoyed. We _____ (not listen).



Write the questions and the short answers.

1. your dad / work / today /
2. you / have a good time / on holiday / ?
3. your mum / cook dinner / now / ?
4. your friends / play football / ?

Complete the dialogues.

- a) I'm going on holiday.
b) Where _____ ?
a) He's cooking dinner.
b) What _____ ?
a) My sister is going to England.
b) Who _____ ?
a) We aren't staying in a hotel.
b) Where _____ ?

PRESENT SIMPLE VS PRESENT CONTINUOUS

We use the present simple tense when we want to talk about fixed habits or routines – things that don't change.

We use the present continuous to talk about actions which are happening at the present moment, but will soon finish.

Compare these two statements:

- (present simple) I play tennis.



- (present continuous/ progressive) I am playing tennis.

(present simple) 'I play tennis' tells us that playing tennis is something the speaker always does. It is part of a routine or habit. We can call this a permanent situation.

(present continuous/ progressive) 'I am playing tennis' tells us that the speaker is playing tennis right now. Soon the game will be over. We call this a temporary situation.

Exercises

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets. Use the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

1 My brother _____ (like) this CD very much.

2 He _____ (travel) in China this summer.

3 We _____ (go) to lunch now. Would you like to join us?

4 We always _____ (visit) Grandma on Sundays.

5 In this photo, we _____ (play) volleyball on the beach.

6 I _____ (play) tennis every day.

7 My father can't come to the phone now.

He _____ (take) a shower.



8 My father _____ (work) as an accountant in a big company.

9 I think this pen _____ (cost) 10E.

10 I can't play online games now. My brother _____ (use) the computer to do his homework.

11 A: _____ you _____ (do) your homework now? B: Yes, I _____.

12 This photo was taken when I was three. My father _____ (carry) me on his shoulders.

13 People _____ always _____ (buy) new mobile phones.

14 Can you see Anna? She _____ (stand) at the bus stop.

15 _____ you still _____ (watch) TV?

16 A: _____ they _____ (go) to Ocean Park on Sunday? B: No, they _____.

17 She often _____ (miss) class because of illness.

18 A: _____ you _____ (like) Kelly Chan's songs? B: Yes, I _____, but my brother _____.