

## Present simple tense

The present simple tense is used to express habits, general truth, repeated actions or unchanging situations, emotions and wishes.

- He drinks coffee at breakfast.
- She watches TV in the evening.
- I go to work by bus.
- The train arrives tomorrow.
- Our meeting starts at 11 a.m.
- His father arrives tomorrow.
- Water freezes at zero degree.
- The earth circles around the sun.
- He will see you before he arrives.
- He feels happy.

### **Principle rule:**

**Subject (S) + Verb (V)+ .....**

Note:

- If the subject was single (He, She, It), add S third person singular.
- If the subject was plural (I, You, We and They), use base verb.

I  
You  
We  
They

+ base Verb

She  
He  
It

+ Verb + S

She plays

They play

He plays

we play

It plays

I play

- She goes to school daily.
- They go to school daily.
- He (give) me a flower. (simple present)

He gives me a flower.

- He went to the party yesterday. (simple present)

He goes to the party.

- They ..... English. (speak/speaks)

They speak English.

## Negative in the present simple tense

We use auxiliary (do or does) in the Negative.

**Subject + do /does + not + base verb..... .**

- If the subject was single (He, She, It), use does.
- If the subject was plural (I, You, We and They), use do.

I	] + do	She	] + does
You		He	
We		It	
They			

Note: Do not → Don't

Does not → Doesn't

- She enjoys playing the piano. (Negative)  
She doesn't enjoy playing the piano.
- The train..... (not leave) at 8 A.m. (present simple)  
The train doesn't leave at 8 A.m.
- I like finding out about other countries. (Negative)  
I don't like finding out about other countries.
- They doesn't take physical exercise in the evening. (correct)  
They don't take physical exercise in the evening.

## Question in the present simple tense

-If the sentence starts with auxiliary, we use short answer with yes/no.

### **Do/ Does + Subject + base verb.....?**

Answer:

**Yes, + subject+ do/does**

**No, + subject+ do/does + not**

- Do you like swimming? (short answer)

Yes, I do.

- Does he like football? (short answer)

No, he does not.

- Do you come from Scotland?

No, I do not.

-If the sentence starts with Wh-q (who, what where, and how), we use short answer with yes/no.

### **Wh-q + do/ does + Subject + base verb.....?**

- I live in Iraq. (Wh-q)  
Where do you live?
- I like tennis. (Question use what)  
What sports do you like?
- Ahmed drinks milk. (Wh- q question )  
Who does drink milk?
- I speak two languages? (correct)

How many languages do you speak?

### Adverbs of frequently

Always, often, usually, Generally, Sometimes, Never

We usually put these adverbs before verbs.

### **Subject +adverbs of frequently+ base verb..... .**

- The sun always rises from the east.
- I never lie.
- I sometimes stay up late.
- I generally work after lunch.
- She usually goes to school by bus.
- He often eats cheeseburger on lunch.
- Peter (always come) to school early. (correct)

Peter always comes to school early.

- I drink coffee with my friends after work. (Adverbs of frequently)  
I usually drink coffee with my friends after work.
- We (not usually wake up) early. (correct)  
We don't usually wake up early.
- I work after lunch. (generally)  
I generally work after lunch.

-We can also use every+ (period of time):

every morning, every night, every week, every day, every month,.....