

Unit 2

2.1 Present Simple

Form

Positive and negative

I We You They	live don't live	near here.
He She It	lives doesn't live	

Question

Where	do	I we you they	live?
	does	he she it	

Short answer

Do you like Peter?	Yes, I do.
Does she speak French?	No, she doesn't.

Use

The Present Simple is used to express:

- 1 a habit.
I **get up** at 7.30.
Cinda **smokes** too much.
- 2 a fact which is always true.
Vegetarians **don't eat** meat.
We **come** from Spain.
- 3 a fact which is true for a long time.
I **live** in Oxford.
She **works** in a bank.

2.2 Present Continuous

Form

am/is/are + -ing (present participle)

Positive and negative

I	'm (am) 'm not	working.
He She It	's (is) isn't	
We You They	're (are) aren't	

Question

What	am	I	wearing?
	is	he she it	
	are	we you they	

Short answer

Are you going?	Yes, I am./No, I'm not.	NOT Yes, I'm .
Is Anna working?	Yes, she is./No, she isn't.	Yes, she's .

Use

The Present Continuous is used to express:

- 1 an activity happening now.
They're **playing** football in the garden.
She can't answer the phone because she's **washing** her hair.
- 2 an activity happening around now, but perhaps not at the moment of speaking.
She's **studying** maths at university.
I'm **reading** a good book by Henry James.
- 3 a planned future arrangement.
I'm **meeting** Miss Boyd at ten o'clock tomorrow.
What are you **doing** this evening?

2.3 Present Simple and Present Continuous

- 1 Look at the wrong sentences, and compare them with the correct sentences.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hans is coming from Germany.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hans comes from Germany.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This is a great party. Everyone has a good time.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This is a great party. Everyone is having a good time.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I read a good book at the moment.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I'm reading a good book at the moment.

- 2 There are some verbs that are usually used in the Present Simple only. They express a state, not an activity.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I like Coke.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I'm liking Coke.

Other verbs like this are *think, agree, understand, love*.

2.4 have/have got

Form

Positive

I We You They	have 've got	two sisters.
He She	has 's got	

Negative

I We You They	don't have haven't got	any money.
He She	doesn't have hasn't got	

Question

Do	I we you they	have a car?	Have	I we you they	got a car?
Does	he she		Has	he she	

Short answer

Do you have a camera?	Yes, I do./No, I don't.
Have you got a camera?	Yes, I have./No, I haven't.

We can use contractions ('ve and 's) with *have got*, but not with *have*.

I've got a sister.

I have a sister. NOT I've a sister.

Use

1 *Have* and *have got* mean the same. *Have got* is informal. We use it a lot when we speak, but not when we write.

Have you got a light?

The Prime Minister **has** a meeting with the President today.

In American English, *have + do/does* is much more common.

2 *Have* and *have got* express possession.

I have I've got	a new car. three children. blond hair.
She has She's got	
He has He's got	

3 When *have + noun* expresses an activity or a habit, *have* and the *do/does/don't/doesn't* forms are used. *Have got* is not used. Compare these sentences.

✗	I've got a shower in the morning.
✓	I have a shower in the morning.
✗	What time have you got lunch?
✓	What time do you have lunch?
✗	He has never got milk in his coffee.
✓	He never has milk in his coffee.

4 In the past tense, the *got* forms are unusual. *Had* with *did* and *didn't* is much more common.

I **had** a bicycle when I was young.

My parents **had** a lot of books in the house.

Did you **have** a nice weekend?

I **didn't have** any money when I was a student.

Check it

6 Tick (✓) the correct sentence.

- Where you go on holiday?
 Where do you go on holiday?
- Do you have any children?
 Do you have got any children?
- I'm Hans. I'm coming from Germany.
 I'm Hans. I come from Germany.
- This is a great party! Everyone is dancing.
 This is a great party! Everyone dances.
- I don't have a mobile phone.
 I no have a mobile phone.
- Jack's a policeman, but he doesn't wear a uniform.
 Jack's a policeman, but he no wear a uniform.
- 'Where is José?' 'He's sitting by the window.'
 'Where is José?' 'He sits by the window.'
- I'm liking black coffee.
 I like black coffee.