

# THE SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

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## USE:

We use the simple present tense to express :

- general truths
  - scientific facts
  - habits
  - likes/dislikes
  - daily routines
  - timetables
  - headlines
  - stories/fairytales
- if clauses type 0 and 1

# Examples

- Liz knows how to drive a lorry.
- Do you speak any foreign language?
- The earth goes around the Sun. The stars don't reflect the sunlight; they give their own inner energy to enlighten their surroundings.
- My niece Ece and I occasionally feed our ducks.
- The prince rushes into the room, gets closer to the princess, kisses her, and all of a sudden, the princess opens her eyes.
- Shelby smokes and drinks very often.



# Examples

- Cathy likes seeing a play at the town hall once a week.
- The train to Brighton leaves the station at 1pm.
- MURDERER ESCAPES
- I generally wake up early. After having my breakfast I leave home for work at 8am. I arrive at office at 8.30 and ...
- My little sister rarely finishes her meal.
- Tristan doesn't like watching horror movies. Instead, he watches romantic movies at nights.
- If you complete the task in time, we may have a break.
- Does everybody understand what i am talking about?

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- Affirmative (Positive Sentences):

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3rd person singular + Verb  
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**-s**

**-es**

**-ies**

- Negation (Negative Sentences):

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- Interrogation (Question Sentences)

- 1. Yes/No questions

**Do + subject + verb + Object + P + TE ?**

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- 2. Wh- questions

**Wh- + do + subject + verb + Object + P + TE ?**

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**Wh- + does** + 3rd person singular + verb  
(he/she/it)

# TIME EXPRESSIONS MOSTLY USED WITH PRESENT SIMPLE:

- generally
- in general
- mostly
- normally
- typically
- once/twice/three times a week
- in summers/ in the evenings
- at nights/ at the weekends
- on Sundays
- in my spare time
- etc.

## Adverbs of frequency

- always %100
- usually/mostly %80
- very often/frequently %70
- often %50
- sometimes/occasionally/  
from time to time %30
- seldom/rarely %10
- hardly ever %2
- never %0
- never and ever %00





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