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 occasionaly 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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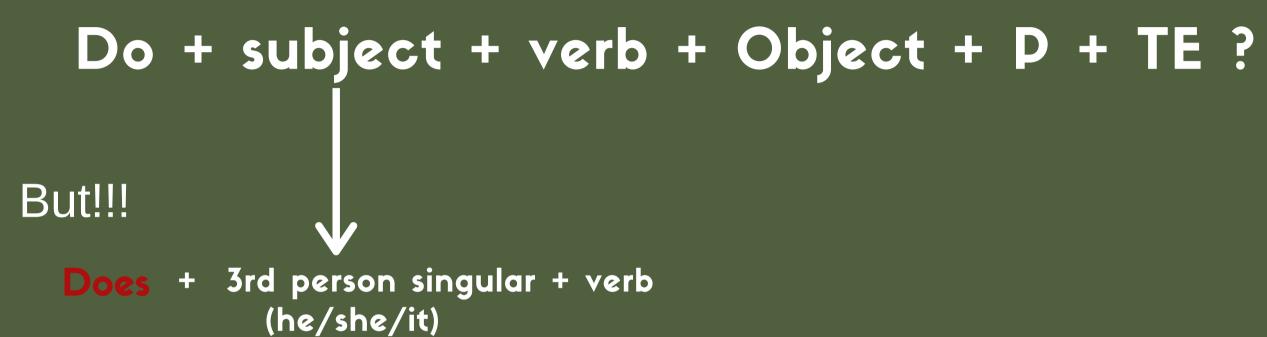
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3rd person singular + doesn't verb (He/She/It)



• Interrogation (Question Sentences)

1. Yes/No questions



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2. Wh- questions

(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/occasionaly/
 from time to time %30
- seldom/rarely %10
- hardly ever %2
- never%0
- never and ever %00





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