



Simple present tense

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1.Simple present tense:

- indicates an action that is generally true or habitual.

Example:

I **eat** a cake.

She **eats** a cake.

i.e., it took place in the past, continues to take place in the present and will take place in the future.

Simple present tense

- sentences
- negative sentences
- questions

Subject	Singular	Plural
First person	I	We
Second person	You	You
Third person	He, She, It, Name (ex: Sam)	They

For each sentence of any tense has a basic formula.

a) Sentences – simple present

Subject	+ verb (action words)	+ object (receives action)
I, You, We, They	Singular Ex : play	football
He, She, It, Sam (Name)	Plural Ex : plays	football

Example:

- i) I **play** football.
- ii) You **play** football.
- iii) We **play** football.
- iv) They **play** football.
- v) He **plays** football.
- vi) She **plays** football.
- vii) It **plays** football.
- viii) Sam **plays** football.

b) Negative sentences – simple present

Subject	+ verb	+ object
I, You, We, They	(do not / don't) Ex : go	to school
He, She, It, Sam (Name)	(does not / doesn't) Ex : go	to school

Example :

i) I go to school.	i) I do not go to school.
ii) You go to school.	ii) You do not go to school.
iii) We go to school.	iii) We do not go to school.
iv) They go to school.	iv) They do not go to school.
v) He goes to school.	v) He does not go to school.
vi) She goes to school.	vi) She does not go to school.
vii) It goes to school.	vii) It does not go to school.
viii) Sam goes to school.	viii) Sam does not go to school.

c) Questions – simple present

Subject	+ verb	+ object
I, You, We, They	(do) Ex: sing	song
He, She, It, Sam (Name)	(does) Ex : sing	Song

Example :

i) I sing a song.	i) Do I sing a song?
ii) You sing a song.	ii) Do you sing a song?
iii) We sing a song.	iii) Do we sing a song?
iv) They sing a song.	iv) Do they sing a song?
v) He sings a song.	v) Does he sing a song?
vi) She sings a song.	vi) Does she sing a song?
vii) It sings a song.	vii) Does it sing a song?
viii) Sam sings a song.	viii) Does Sam sing a song?

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in simple present tense.

1. I always _____ my friend. (help)
2. She _____ tea but not coffee. (like)
3. He _____ very hard for his examination. (work)
4. You _____ very little. (eat)
5. They _____ the teachers help. (need)
6. We _____ nearby to railway station. (live)
7. She _____ office at 5 p.m. (leave)

16 Question Strips

PRESENT SIMPLE



- What time do you usually go to bed?
- What time do you usually get up in the mornings?
- What do you usually have for breakfast?
- What do you often have for lunch?
- What do you usually watch on TV?
- Where do you sometimes go shopping?
- What kinds of books or magazines do you often read?
- What kinds of music do you sometimes listen to?
- How do you often relax in your free time?
- What kinds of clothes do you often wear?
- How do you usually come to class? ... bus? ... taxi?
- How do you sometimes practice English at home?
- How many hours do you usually spend on-line?
- Where do you live?
- What do you sometimes do on weekends?
- How many hours each week do you exercise?