

# Unit(2)Present simple

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# We use the present simple:

- To refer to habits or to things which happen repeatedly.
- To refer to permanent situations.
- To talk about general statements of truth.
- We need to use the Present Simple a lot in English, so it's really important to understand it well.
- Many students have problems with the form (or how to make it).

# Simple present tense with 'be':

- The verb 'be' is different from the other verbs in this tense. Let's look at 'be' first:
- Here's the positive form (positive means a normal sentence, not a negative or a question. This is sometimes called 'affirmative'):

Positive	Positive Short Form
I am	I'm
You are	You're
He is	He's
She is	She's
It is	It's
We are	We're
They are	They're

## For example:

- I'm Scottish.
- She's hungry.
- They're always late.
- He's clever.
- We're soccer team.
- It's very good car.

Next, here's the negative. It's very easy. You only add 'not':

<b>Negative</b>	<b>Negative Short Form</b>
I am not	I'm not
You are not	You aren't
He is not	He isn't
She is not	She isn't
It is not	It isn't
We are not	We aren't
They are not	They aren't

For example:

- I'm not cold.
- He isn't from Spain.
- We aren't at home.

# Here's the 'yes / no' question form:

## Yes / No Questions

- am I ?
- are you ?
- is he ?
- is she ?
- is it ?
- are we ?
- are they ?

For example:

- Am I next in the queue?
- Are you from Tokyo?
- Is he at the library at the moment?

If you'd like to make a 'wh' question, you just put the question word ( where, what, who, why, when and how) at the front:

## **Wh Questions**

- Where am I ?
- What are you ?
- Why is he ?
- Who is she ?
- When are we ?
- How are they ?

For example:

- Where are you from?
- Who is that girl?
- Why are they still at work?

## Present simple tense with other verbs:

- With all other verbs, we make the present simple in the same way. The positive is really easy. It's just the verb, with an extra 's' if the subject is 'he', 'she', or 'it'. Let's take the verb 'play' as an example:

### **Positive (of 'play')**

- I play
- You play
- He plays
- She plays
- It plays
- We play
- They play

For example:

- I play tennis every week.
- He likes chocolate.
- They usually go to the cinema on Fridays.

Don't forget the 's'! Even really advanced students do this!

For a few verbs, there is a spelling change with 'he', 'she' and 'it' before the 's'.

- Some verbs have present simple spelling changes with 'he', 'she' or 'it':
- Verbs that end in 'y':
- Verbs that end in 'y' often change 'y' to 'ie' before 's':
- study becomes studies
- try becomes tries
- marry becomes marries
- fly becomes flies
- cry becomes cries

- (Be careful! 'y' doesn't change to 'ie' if the ending is 'ay', 'ey', 'oy', 'uy'.

So,

- play becomes plays.
- say becomes says, buy becomes buys.
- enjoy becomes enjoys.
- stay becomes stays.

## Verbs that end in 's', 'sh', 'ch', or 'x':

- Verbs that end in 's', 'sh', 'ch' or 'x' often add 'e' before 's':
  - pass becomes passes
  - wash becomes washes
  - teach becomes teaches

# There are also few verbs which are irregular in the present simple:

- 'have' becomes 'has'
- 'do' becomes 'does'
- 'go' becomes 'goes'

For example:

- The earth goes round the sun.
- He has a beautiful car.

# To make the negative form, you need to use 'do not' (don't) or 'does not' (doesn't):

Negative (of 'play')	Negative Short Form
I do not play	I don't play
you do not play	you don't play
he does not play	he doesn't play
she does not play	she doesn't play
it does not play	it doesn't play
we do not play	we don't play
they do not play	they don't play

For example:

- You don't study very much.
- Julie doesn't like sport.
- We don't live in London.

We use 'do' or 'does' before the subject to make the 'yes / no' question:

### **Yes / No questions**

do I play ?

do you play ?

does he play ?

does she play ?

does it play ?

do we play ?

do they play ?

For example:

- Do you work in an office?
- Does John play cricket every weekend?
- Do they like travelling?

Just like with 'be', if you'd like to make a 'wh' question, you put the question word at the front:

## Wh Questions

Where do I play ?

What do you play ?

Why does he play ?

Who does she play ?

When do we play ?

How do they play ?

For example:

- Where do you live?
- What does she like to eat?
- Why do they work so hard?