

Unit 2 Grammar

Level 2, Blue Listening Book

Simple Present Tense

What you need to know:

- What are stative/non-action verbs
- What is a base verb?
- What is a vowel?
- What is a consonant?

Today, we will study:

- How verbs change in the simple present because of subject
- When to use the simple present tense
- Positive and Negative sentences
- Yes/No & WH questions.

How to use the simple present

For subjects **I / You / We / They**, use the **base verb**.

A **base verb** is a verb with no changes. (no **-s, -ed, -ing**)

For subjects **He / She / It**, add **'s'** to the base **verb**.

In the negative form, the verb that comes after **don't/doesn't** is always **base!**

For Subjects I / You / We / They	For Subjects He / She / It
(+) play (-) don't play	(+) plays (-) doesn't play
(+) eat (-) don't eat	(+) eats (-) doesn't eat
(+) live (-) don't live	(+) lives (-) doesn't live
(+) read (-) don't read	(+) reads (-) doesn't read

I play football.

He plays computer games.

You eat chicken.

She eats fish.

I don't play basketball.

He doesn't play sports.

You don't eat hamburgers.

She doesn't eat pasta.

Spelling Rules

For subjects **He / She / It**, add 's' to the base **verb**...
but there are two other spelling rules to remember!

If the **base verb** ends in a **consonant** + y...
change y to i, add -es

Study --- Studies
Fly --- Flies
Marry --- Marries
Try --- Tries

If the verb ends in a **vowel** + y...
Only add 's'!

Play --- Plays
Buy --- Buys
Enjoy --- Enjoys

If the base verb ends in s, sh, ch, x...
Add -es to the base verb

Pass --- Passes
Wash --- Washes
Teach --- Teaches
Fix --- Fixes

Irregular Verbs

Be and **Have** are Irregular Verbs– they don't follow the same rules for Simple Present.

Be Verb in Simple Present

I	You/We/They	He/She/It
(+) am	(+) are	(+) is
(-) am not	(-) 're not/aren't	(-) 's not/isn't

I **am** a teacher.

You **are** students.

She **is** a doctor.

I **am** not a student.

We **aren't** doctors.

He **isn't** a baby.

Have in Simple Present

I/You/We/They	He/She/It
(+) Have (-) Don't have	(+) Has (-) Doesn't have

I **have** an iPhone.

She **has** a Galaxy.

They **don't have** homework.

He **doesn't have** a car.

When do we use the simple present tense?

We use the simple present to talk about something that is a habit or a routine, something that happens again and again.

It happened in the past and will continue to happen in the future.



He always smiles.

We also use the simple present to tell facts.

31,500,000 people live in Saudi Arabia.

My friend Mohammed lives in Chicago.

I am 30 years old.

Most Saudi students study English in High School.

My brother's favorite food is cheese.

We also use the **simple present** with stative verbs.

Stative Verbs are not actions. Stative Verbs are things that we are, feel, or think. They are not actions that we can stop doing.

Examples: be, have, know, understand, like, prefer, need and want

In the Present Tense:

Stative Verbs must be written in Simple Present, not Present Continuous.

Good! –Simple Present	BAD!—Present Continuous
I am a man.	X I am being a man.
I have an iPhone.	X I am having an iPhone.
I know the answer.	X I am knowing the answer.
He understands math.	X He is understanding math.
They like pizza.	X They are liking pizza.
You need a doctor.	X You are needing a doctor.

Yes/No Questions in the Simple Present

In simple present questions, we change do/does, but the main verb is always base!

Yes/No Questions

Do/does+ **subject** + **base verb**?

Do you study English?

Does he play Call of Duty?

Answers to Yes/No Questions

Yes, **subject** + **do/does**. No, **subject** + **don't/doesn't**.

Do you study English? Yes, *I do*. No, *I don't*.

Does he play Call of Duty? Yes, *he does*. No, *he doesn't*.

Y/N Questions with Be Verbs---NO DO/DOES

Be + **subject**? Yes, **subject** + **be**. No, **subject** + **be** + not.

Are you happy? Yes, *I am*. No, *I'm not*.

Is he a teacher? Yes, *he is*. No, *he isn't*.

Are they old? Yes, *they are*. No, *they aren't*.

Wh- Questions

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Wh + do/does+ subject + base verb?

What do you study?

I study English.

When does she eat breakfast?

She eats breakfast at 7:00.

Quiz Time!

Pause the video, answer the questions, then press play to check your answers.

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- a. eats b. eat c. eating d. ate

2. My brother _____ computers for his job.

- a. fixes b. fixs c. fixies d. does fix

3. _____ healthy food?

- a. She eats b. Does you eat c. Does she eat d. Does she eats

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