

Simple Present

A

The simple present is used to express habits and frequent activities.

I play soccer every day.

Jean goes to Rio de Janeiro every week.

Mister Brown never attends a meeting.

He always sends me.

We use the simple present when we talk about OFFICIAL ARRANGEMENT.

*Their plane **arrives** at 2 o'clock in the morning.*

*The next meeting of the committee **is** on November 5th.*

*We **get off** the train in Bristol and **continue** by bus.*

*I **am** away on holiday next week.*

B

For HE, SHE and IT verbs end in "s".

He, she, it → verb + "S" (e.g. HE plays; SHE drives)

I, They, we, you → **NO "S"** (e.g. I play; THEY drive)

Do – does | Have – has | Go – goes

e.g. he wants, she needs, he gives, it thinks.

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Affirmative sentences in the Simple Present

Long forms	Contracted forms
I read books.	
You read books.	not possible
He reads books.	

Questions in the Simple Present

Long forms	Contracted forms
Do I play football?	
Do you play football?	not possible
Does he play football?	

Negative sentences in the Simple Present

Long forms	Contracted forms
I do not clean the room.	I don't clean the room.
You do not clean the room.	You don't clean the room.
He does not clean the room.	He doesn't clean the room.



EXERCISES

1. Complete the sentences using one of the following:

CAUSE | CLOSE | DRINK | LIVE | OPEN | SPEAK

- a) I never _____ *drink* _____ coffee.
- b) Ann _____ German very well.
- c) My parents _____ in a very small flat.
- d) Bad driving _____ many accidents.
- e) The swimming pool _____ at 9 o'clock and _____ at 6:30pm every day.



2. Put the verb into the correct form.

- a) Jane _____ *doesn't drink* _____ (not/drink) tea very often.
- b) 'What _____ (you/do)? 'I'm a teacher.'
- c) What time _____ (the banks/close) in Britain?
- d) 'Where _____ (Martin/come) from?' 'He's Scottish.'
- e) I _____ (play) the piano but I _____ (not/play) very well.
- f) I don't understand this sentence. What _____ (this word/mean)?

3. Use one of the following verbs to complete these sentences. Sometimes you need the negative:

BELIEVE | EAT | TELL | TRANSLATE | RISE | MAKE | GROW | GO | FLOW

- a) Bees _____ *make* _____ honey.
- b) The earth _____ round the sun.
- c) Rice _____ in Alaska.
- d) The sun _____ in the east.
- e) Vegetarians _____ meat.
- f) An atheist _____ in God.
- g) An interpreter _____ from one language into another.
- h) A liar is someone who _____ the truth.
- i) The Amazon River _____ into the Atlantic Ocean.



4. Questions with the Simple Present.

- a) _____ a lot in England? (it/to rain)
- b) _____ to school? (you/to walk)
- c) _____ a banana in the morning? (Ronda/to eat)
- d) _____ sports after school? (your friends/to do)
- e) _____ camping in summer? (Susan and Jack/to go)