



Present Simple

WHEN DO WE USE 'PRESENT SIMPLE' ?

COMPARE: I am getting up now. I usually get up at 6 o'clock

I. To describe our daily routines 'I have a cup of coffee for breakfast'

II. With adverbs of frequency: 'I often go to the gym.'

ALWAYS	OFTEN	USUALLY NORMALLY	SOMETIMES FROM TIME TO TIME	RARELY SELDOM	HARDLY EVER	NEVER

+ EVERY : day, Monday, week, weekend, month, year, morning, afternoon, evening, night etc.
'I call my parents every Monday.'

+ ONCE, TWICE, THREE TIMES, FOUR TIMES a day/week/month/year
'I have a shower once a day.'

+ POSITION OF ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY:

Adverbs of frequency are placed BEFORE THE VERB

'I usually go to school on foot.'

'sometimes' has more variations

'Sometimes I go to school on foot' 'I sometimes go to school on foot.' 'I go to school on foot sometimes'

Adverbs of frequency go after the verb 'to be' 'I am always late for work'



III. Timetables

'My English lesson starts at 6 pm and finishes at 7 30 pm.

'The plane to London leaves at 6:30 pm and arrives in Italy at 8 pm.

IV. Habits and addictions

'Do you smoke?' 'She eats too many sweets.' .

V. Natural laws and facts

'Water freezes at 0 degrees' 'The earth goes around the sun.'

VI. Non-active verbs

to want, to love, to hate, to like, to dislike, to depend on, to belong to, to own, to possess, to owe, to envy, to fear, to cost, to taste, to seem, to believe, to care, to mind, to need, to care, to exist, to hear, to see ...

'It depends on my boss.' 'Where do you want to go?'

HOW DO WE USE 'PRESENT SIMPLE'?

S	VERB add S or ES for HE SHE IT	the rest	DO/ DOES	S	normal verb without - S	the rest	S	DON'T/ DOESN'T	normal verb without - S	the rest
I	wash	my car once a week.	DO	I	wash	my car once a week?	I	don't	wash	my car once a week.
You	wash			you			You			
He				he			He			
She				she			She			
It				It			It			
We				we			We			
You				you			You			
They				they			They			

We add ES when the verb finishes with -SH, -CH, -S, -SS, -X, -O
(finishes, watches, passes, mixes, goes)

When a verb finishes with a consonant +Y, for example :STUDY
we change it into STUDIES.

We use DOES and DOESN'T for the third person
of the singular number: HE/SHE/IT and the verb
loses its -S.



FILL IN THE TEXT WITH FOLLOWING VERBS: eat/wake/depend/grow/have/go/leave

It is the middle of school holidays. Jessica is at the bus stop.

She is a bit upset today because she misses her friends from school but especially she misses Mark. Suddenly...

- Jessica?! Is that you?

- Mark! I am so happy to see you. How are your holidays?

What do you do every day?

- To be honest, I don't really have holidays.

I work from Monday to Friday.

- Oh really? **What do you do?**

- I work for a coffee company.

- Do you spend a lot of time in Italy?

- No ... **Coffee beans don't grow in Italy. They** **in very hot climates** for example in Asia, Africa or South America.

- Oh ...ok... And what does your usual day look like?

- **I usually** **up at 7 am. It** **on the day.** Then I go to the bathroom, I wash my face, I brush my teeth and I get dressed. I have breakfast at 7:30 a.m. I usually have cornflakes and a cup of coffee for breakfast. I leave the house at about 8 am. I get to work by bus. It takes me 20 minutes to get there.

- What do you do when you get home?

- **I normally** **a shower after work.** Later I make myself dinner.

In the evenings I watch TV or go on the Internet. I also meet up with my friends from time to time. **I always** **to bed before midnight** and I fall asleep after fifteen minutes.

- What time does your bus to work leave?

- **My bus** **at 8 15 am.** So I am at work at about 8 40 am. **My shift starts at 9 am.**

I work 6 hours. I have two breaks. They last 15 minutes each. Sometimes I finish earlier. It depends how much work we have. **I also fly to Colombia once a month.**

- How much does the flight ticket cost?

- It doesn't cost a lot for me because the company pays for it.

- Ohh my God! My day is completely different. I wake up very late every day.

- What do you mean?

- I mean very late, I wake up at 11 am almost every day and I go to the bathroom. I have breakfast at 11 30 every day. I always have a fruit toast with butter and some juice. After breakfast I walk my dog. In the afternoon I help my parents in the garden or I read books.

In the evenings I usually watch films with my family or I play games on my computer but **I hardly ever win.** I go to sleep at 11 p.m. Our days are really different. **I don't work** and I never cook. My mum prepares meals for me. She cooks very well and she bakes delicious cakes. **I really** **too many sweets.**

- And I drink too much coffee:) But ... What do you do in the afternoons?

- Well... I sometimes wash my car.

- How often do you wash your car?

- I wash my car once a week. I know it's often but I like it when my car is absolutely spotless.

Anyway, **what time does your bus arrive?**

- It arrives in 5 minutes.

- Mine as well.

PRACTICE: SPEAKING

I. Interview your classmate:

What time	wake up?
What time	get up?
What	do in the bathroom?(brush teeth, wash face, get dressed)
What	usually have for breakfast?
What time	leave the house?
Where	go ?
How	go/get there?
How long	it take you to get there?
What time	have lunch?
What time	get home?
What	do in the evening?
What time	have dinner?
What time	go to sleep?
What time	fall asleep?

What time do you wake up?

I usually wake up at 7.30 am.

II. Interview your classmate:

WALK TO WORK
DO SPORT OR EXERCISE
USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT
EAT VEGETABLES
BE LATE
BE IN A HURRY

How often do you walk to work/school/city centre?

I never walk to work.



III. Interview your classmate:

LEAVE, BUS/TRAIN TO WORK
START, ENGLISH CLASS
FINISH, ENGLISH CLASS

What time does your bus to work leave?

My bus to work leaves at 6.30 am.

IV. Interview your classmate:

DRINK COFFEE
EAT SPICY FOOD
PLAY FOOTBALL
HAVE A BIKE

Do you drink coffee?

No, I don't.

IV. Interview your classmate:

WANT TO IMPROVE ENGLISH
LIKE FOOTBALL
BELONG TO ANY CLUBS OR ORGANIZATIONS
BELIEVE IN LUCK
FEAR SPIDERS
OWN THE HOUSE YOU'RE LIVING IN
OWE SOMEBODY A FAVOUR

Do you want to improve English?

Yes, I do.

PRACTICE: WRITING

I. IN THE TEXT YOU READ IN THE GRAMMAR PART PLEASE FIND SENTENCES WHICH DESCRIBE:

- Routines:
- With adverbs of frequency:
- Timetables:
- Facts and natural laws:
- Habits and addictions:
- With non-action verbs:



II. Create negations and questions.

- ✓ I have a toast for breakfast.
X?
- ✓ She gets home at about 8 pm.
X?
- ✓ They get to work by car.
X?
- ✓ He works 9 hours a day.
X?
- ✓ My train leaves in 10 minutes.
X?

III. Complete the sentences:

- a. She (not/go) to work every day.
- b. Where (they/work)? 'In a hospital.'
- c. My brother (live) close to me.
- d. They (not/drink) a lot of alcohol.
- e. How often (he/visit) his grandparents?
- f. We never (visit) our cousins.
- g. My father (not/read) newspapers.

IV. You want to interview Jessica. You want to know:

- a. If she smokes - DO YOU SMOKE?
- b. Where she lives
- c. If her brother lives with her
- d. If she reads many books
- e. If she writes emails every night
- f. If her parents help her with her homework
- g. If her friend Elisa visits her very often.

V. Write down short answers:

- a. Do you speak Italian? YES, I DO.
- b. Does it mean you don't like me? NO,
- c. Do they come from New Zealand? YES,
- d. Do you know her? NO,
- e. Does it work? YES,
- f. Does he play tennis? YES,
- g. Do I drive well? YES,



VI. Write down a question.

- a. It depends on him. WHO
- b. It means you can go. WHAT ...
- c. They live in Chicago. WHERE ...
- d. She works in a bank. WHERE ...
- e. We finish work at 9 pm. WHEN ...
- f. He picks me up every day. HOW OFTEN ...
- g. I start work at 7 am. WHAT TIME ...

VIII. How often do you...? I play basketball / rarely - I rarely play basketball

- a. I go to the swimming pool - often
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- b. She calls her parents - sometimes
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- c. They brush their teeth - twice a day
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- d. He gets dressed in the bathroom - always
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- e. We have breakfast - never
.....
- f. She is late - always
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TIME

11:00 - It is eleven am

23:00 - It is eleven pm

11:05 - It's five past eleven

11:30 - It is half eleven

11:55 - It is five to twelve

11:15 - It's fifteen \a quarter past eleven

11:45 - It is fifteen \a quarter to eleven

12:00 - It is midday

24:00 - It is midnight

VII. WHAT TIME IS IT?

- a) 6:00
- b) 18:00
- c) 8:30
- d) 12:15
- e) 10:50
- f) 9:25
- g) 23:35