

Lesson One: Simple Present
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Simple Present

1. When do we use the simple present?

<p>1. Use the simple present to talk about habits or routines, schedules, and fact</p>	<p>Habit or Routine: Susan wakes up every day at 6:00 am. Schedule: She starts work at eight. Fact: People in England speak English.</p>
<p>2. Add (s) to the verb for <i>he, she, it,</i> and singular subjects.</p>	<p>He drives to work. She works in an office. The bank opens at 9:00 a.m.</p>
<p>3. Do not put <i>be</i> in front of another verb in the simple present.</p>	<p>✓ He works at a bank. ✗ He is work at a bank.</p>

2. Simple Present affirmative statements:

Subject	Verb		Subject	Verb	
I You We You They Tom and Sue	work	every day.	He She It My brother	works	every day.

3 Adverbs of Frequency: We use adverbs of frequency in the simple present to talk about daily routines, habits or schedules. Find below adverbs of frequency with some examples:

100% Always

I always study after class

90 % Usually.

I usually walk to work

80% normally/generally.

She normally gets good marks

70% Often/Frequently

He often reads before bed

50% Sometimes

Susan Sometimes sings in the shower

30% Occasionally

I occasionally talk to Sam

10% Seldom

She seldom eats fast food

5% Hardly ever/Rarely

My dad hardly ever gets angry

0% Never.

Vegetarians never eat meat

**Note that adverbs of frequency are always placed between subject and verb:
Subject+ Adverb+ Main Verb Example: He always passes his exams**

3. Irregular verbs (Do, Go, and Have)

Subject	Verb		Subject	Verb	
I			He She It	Does	laundry everyday
You	Do	Laundry everyday		Goes	to School at 7:00 am
We					
You	Go	To school at 7:00 am	Has	Dinner at 6:00 pm	
They	Have	Dinner at 6:00 pm			

Activity: Complete the paragraphs with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

Manuel and Lila Vega (1) _____ have _____ (have) a busy lifestyle. Manuel is a doctor at a hospital. He works at night, so he (2) _____ (go) to work at 7:00 p.m. and comes home at 7:00 a.m. His wife Lila works at a bank. She (3) _____ (go) to work at 8:00 a.m. and comes home at 6:00 p.m. They don't see each other a lot during the week. Manuel and Lila also (4) _____ (have) two children, Luis and Carla. Every _____ morning they all (5) _____ (have) breakfast together at 7:30. Then, Luis and Carla (6) _____ (go) to school, and Lila (7) _____ (go) to work. Manuel (8) _____ (do) the dishes and then (9) _____ (go) to bed. Carla usually (10) _____ (do) her homework at a friend's house in the afternoon, and Luis (11) _____ (have) soccer practice. Manuel gets up at 4:00p.m. At 6:00 p.m., he (12) _____ (have) dinner with Lila, Luis, and Carla. After dinner, he (13) _____ (go) to work. Manuel and Lila (14) _____ (have) a busy schedule during the week, but on weekends they relax.