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We use the present simple:

- a) for permanent states, repeated actions and daily routines.

He **works** in a bank.
(permanent state)

He **takes** the train to work every morning.
(daily routine/repeated actions)



- b) for general truths and laws of nature.

The sun **sets** in the west.



- c) for timetables (planes, trains, etc.) and programmes.

The plane from Brussels **arrives** at 8.30.



- d) for sports commentaries, reviews and narration.

a) Peterson **overtakes** Williams and **wins** the race. (sports commentary)

b) Mike Dalton **plays** the part of Macbeth. (review)

c) Then the prince **gets** on his horse and quickly **rides** away. (narration)



- e) to give instructions or directions (instead of the imperative).

You **sprinkle** some cheese on the pizza and then you **bake** it. (Instead of: **Sprinkle** some cheese on the pizza ...)

The present simple is used with the following time expressions: *usually, often, always, etc., every day/ week/month/year, in the morning/afternoon/ evening, at night, at the weekend, on Mondays, etc.*

X Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
I go	I don't go	Do I go ?
You go	You don't go	Do you go ?
He goes	He doesn't go	Does he go ?
She goes	She doesn't go	Does she go ?
It goes	It doesn't go	Does it go ?
We go	We don't go	Do we go ?
You go	You don't go	Do you go ?
They go	They don't go	Do they go ?

Resources:

1. Grammarway 4 Jenny Dooley Virginia Evans International Edition, Espresso Publishing
2. <https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/grammar-exercises.html>



Present Simple Positive with other verbs

Make positive present simple sentences.

1. (he / go to school every day)

2. (I / like swimming)

3. (you / play badminton on Saturdays)

4. (the class / begin at 9am)

5. (they / sometimes go to the cinema)

6. (she / love chocolate)

7. (we / study French)

8. (they / live in London)

9. (he / work in a restaurant)

10. (Lucy / play the guitar)

11. (we / cook every day)

12. (he / clean the house at the weekends)

13. (I / like reading detective stories)

14. (you / come from France)



15. (John and David / often go to restaurants)

16. (Susie / study English every night)

17. (the train / leave at 6pm)

18. (we / go to the park on Sundays)

19. (he / likes taking photographs)

20. (the moon / go round the earth)



Present Simple Other Verbs Positive Exercise 2

Make positive present simple sentences:

1. (we / often watch TV)

2. (I / hate mushrooms)

3. (she / visit her grandmother every Christmas)

4. (they / use the Internet every evening)

5. (you / often go swimming)

6. (John / hate waiting for the bus)

7. (Lucy and Jill / want to go out tonight)

8. (I / usually stay at home on Fridays)

9. (he / love driving fast cars)

10. (they / often have parties)

11. (she / take a piano lesson every Monday)

12. (we / like watching French films)

13. (you / go to bed very early)

14. (I / always eat breakfast)

15. (they / often arrive late)



16. (he / live in Beijing)

17. (David / work in a school)

18. (she / read a lot of novels)

19. (the Queen / like her dogs)

20. (I / cook almost every night)



Present Simple Negative with other verbs

Make negative present simple sentences.

1. (I / not / like coffee)

2. (I / not / live in Paris)

3. (she / not / come from Spain)

4. (John / not / work in a bank)

5. (they / not / get up at eight o'clock)

6. (we / not / go to the cinema every Friday)

7. (you / not / read the newspaper every day)

8. (he / not / go to school in France)

9. (we / not / watch TV in the evening)

10. (I / not / have a shower in the morning)

11. (she / not / drink tea every afternoon)

12. (they / not / visit their parents at the weekend)

13. (you / not / study English very often)

14. (it / not / rain here in the summer)

15. (we / not / go out on Tuesday nights)



16. (he / not / like cabbage)

17. (the sun / not / go round the earth)

18. (she / not / play the piano)

19. (I / not / smoke)

20. (Julie and Lucy / not / play football)



Present Simple Negative Other Verbs Exercise 2

Make the negative present simple.

1. (he / not / enjoy jazz)

2. (we / not / buy many clothes)

3. (she / not / like studying)

4. (you / not / love me)

5. (they / not / work at home)

6. (Lucy / not / have a computer)

7. (I / not / take the bus at night)

8. (David / not / travel much)

9. (we / not / have any children)

10. (you / not / study Biology)

11. (Julie / not / listen to much music)

12. (they / not / live close to our house)

13. (she / not / work abroad)

14. (you / not / own a bicycle)

15. (I / not / get up early)



16. (they / not / have a car)

17. (he / not / come home late)

18. (I / not / like travelling by plane)

19. (you / not / come from Africa)

20. (She / not / have any brothers or sisters)



Present Simple Mixed Exercise 1 - other verbs

Make the present simple (choose positive, negative or question).

1. (he / drive to work every day)

2. (I / not / think you're right)

3. (we / have enough time?)

4. (I / eat cereal in the morning)

5. (they / write e-mails every day?)

6. (you / watch a lot of TV)

7. (he / not / read the newspaper)

8. (she / dance often?)

9. (where / I / come on Mondays?)

10. (what / you / do at the weekend?)

11. (you / not / drink much tea)

12. (how / he / travel to work?)

13. (they / not / like vegetables)

14. (she / catch a cold every winter)

15. (I / go out often?)



16. (you / speak English?)

17. (we / take the bus often)

18. (she / not / walk to school)

19. (what / you / buy in the supermarket?)

20. (how / he / carry such a heavy bag?)



Present Simple Mixed Exercise 2 - other verbs

Make the present simple (choose positive, negative or question).

1. (they / wear suits to work?)

2. (he / not / say much)

3. (when / she / study?)

4. (she / know a lot about cooking)

5. (we / make dinner at the weekends)

6. (I / not / leave work on time very often)

7. (she / meet her brother every week?)

8. (they / find London's weather cold)

9. (we / use the computer every day?)

10. (you / not / smoke)

11. (why / we / always get into trouble?)

12. (what/ they / usually cook?)

13. (what / we / need?)

14. (they / not / win at tennis)

15. (what / they / like to watch on TV?)



16. (I / do my homework every night)

17. (why / she / swim every morning?)

18. (you / walk to the station every day)

19. (he / teach in a school?)

20. (he / study English at a night class)



Present Simple Mixed Exercise 3 - other verbs

Make the present simple tense (choose positive, negative or question)

1. (we / not / go out much)

2. (they / think it's a good idea)

3. (he / know how to play the violin?)

4. (why / I / have to clean up?)

5. (she / not / sleep late at the weekends)

6. (I / love studying languages?)

7. (we / not / believe the Prime Minister)

8. (you / understand the question?)

9. (she / not / want to go to the cinema)

10. (I / like trying new kinds of food)

11. (David / want some coffee?)

12. (what / Lucy / do at the weekends?)

13. (they / not / work late on Fridays)

14. (she / have three daughters)

15. (you / own a car?)



16. (where / Alicia / work?)

17. (when / she / go to her Chinese class?)

18. (I / not / believe you)

19. (she / think about her holidays often)

20. (you / like going to restaurants?)
