

Lecture 3

Usages of the present simple:

USE 1: Repeated Actions

USE 2: Facts or Generalizations

USE 1: Repeated Actions

Use the **Present Simple** to express the idea that *an action is repeated or usual*. The action can be:

a habit

a hobby

a daily event

a scheduled event or

something that often happens

It can also be something a person often forgets or

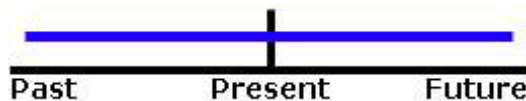
usually does not do.

EXAMPLES

Subject + (verb) + object / complement

- I **wake** up at 6 a.m. every morning.
- Ahmad **plays** football on weekends.
- The train **leaves** at 8 a.m. every morning.
- The morning class **starts** at 9 o'clock.
- Sam always **forgets** to brush his teeth before sleeping.
- He **does** not drink coffee.

USE 2: FACTS OR GENERALIZATION



- ❖ We use the **Present Simple** to talk about universal truths (for example, laws of nature) or things we believe are true.
- ❖ It is also used to make generalizations about people or things.

GRAMMATICAL POINT

Present Simple, third person singular

Note: **he ,she ,it**

A. In the **third person singular** the verb, **always ends in : S**

Ahmad wants**s** a pen.

He wants**s** a pen.

Sarah needs**s** water.

She needs**s** water.

My cat likes**s** milk.

It likes**s** milk.

EXAMPLES

Subject + (**verb**)+(s, es) + object

- The sun **rises** in the east.
- Water **boils** at 100 degrees Celsius.
- Elephants **don't fly**.
- USA **is** a nice country.
- China **is** a crowded country.

B. to **give instructions** or **directions**:

- **Open** the door.
- **Do** your homework.
- **Take** bus number 11 to Manchester.

C. to **express fixed arrangements**, *present* or *future*:

- Your exam **starts** at 09:00.
- The bell **rings** at 8:00.
- The bus **arrives** at 7:00.

D. add **es** to verbs ending in:

x	sh	ss	ch	o
he fixes	it pushes	he passes	she catches	he goes

EXAMPLES:

1. Third person singular with **s** or **es**.

- a. He **goes** to school every morning.
- b. She **understands** English.
- c. It **mixes** the sand and the water.
- d. He **tries** very hard.
- e. She **enjoys** playing the piano.

E. verbs ending in **y** ; the **third person** changes the **y** to **ies**.

Fly > **flies** cry > **cries**

Exception :

If there is a **vowel** before the **y** :

Play > **plays** pray > **prays**

YES/NO QUESTION : VERB BE

❖ The answer to the question is "yes" or "no"

- Sam **is** a student.
Is sam a student? Yes, he is . (or) No, he isn't.
- They **are** smart.
Are they smart? Yes, they are. (or) No, they aren't
- We **are** neighbors.
Are we neighbors? Yes, we are. (or) No, we aren't

EXERCISE

○ Change the following sentences into questions:

- 1. You are a naughty student.
Are you a naughty student?
- 2. This is my new car.
Is this my new car?
- 3. Ahmad and Ali are your friends.
Are Ahmad and Ali your friends?
- 4. We are in Sam's house.
Are we in Sam's house?
- 5. I am noisy.
Am I noisy?

Negative and question

Do – Does

Do: I, you, we, they

Does: He, she , it

*They **study** at home.*

*They **do not** study at home.*

***Do** they study at home?*

*Ahmad **works** at office.*

*Ahmad **does not** work at office.*

***Does** Ahmad work at office?*

2. Present simple , form:

Example: to work , present simple

Affirmative	Interrogative	Negative
I work	Do I work?	I do not work.
You work	Do you work?	You don't work.
He, she, it works	Does he, she, it work?	He, she, it doesn't work.
We work	Do we work?	We don't work.
You work	Do you work?	You don't work.

YES/NO QUESTIONS: DO ,DOES

❖ Only one main verb

- I **live** in khobar.
- You **understand** me.
- They **study** together.

Do I **live** in khobar?

Do you **understand** me?

Do they **study** together?

- Ahmad **plays** football.
- She **reads** lots of books.
- My car **moves** fast.

Does he **play** football?

Does she **read** lots of books?

Does it **move** fast?

EXERCISE: DO.DOES

CHANGE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES INTO NEGATIVE AND QUESTION FORMS.

1. peter lives with his father.
Does Peter live with his father?
Peter does not live with his father.
2. They learn Spanish.
Do they learn Spanish?
The don't learn Spanish.
3. Andrew and Martin drive to school.
Do Andrew and Martin drive to school?
Andrew and Martin don't drive to school.
4. Sandy's hamster lives in a cage.
Does Sandy's hamster live in a cage?
Sandy's hamster doesn't live in a cage.
5. I clean the bathroom.
Does Sandy's hamster live in a cage?
Sandy's hamster doesn't live in a cage.
6. Steve wears T-shirts.
Does Steve wear T-shirts?
Steve doesn't wear T-shirts.
7. The cats sit on the wall.
Do the cats sit on the wall?
The cats don't sit on the wall.
8. You speak Arabic.
Do you speak Arabic?
You don't speak Arabic.
9. We work in front of the computer.
Do we work in front of the computer?
We don't work in front of the computer.
10. She plays the piano.
Does she play the piano?
She doesn't play the piano.