

**Give Information about Yourself**  
**(Informational Writing)**  
**Simple Present Tense**

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Use the *simple present tense* to indicate:

1. Routine actions
2. Facts

<b>Routine Actions</b>	<b>Facts</b>
Ali brushes his teeth every morning.	Hawaii is in the Pacific Ocean.
Salem usually drives to work.	Some birds fly south for the winter.
The teacher corrects homework every day.	Water consists of hydrogen and oxygen.

**Note how the *present tense* is used in the following paragraph.**

Mr. Lee is a bus driver. Every day he gets up at 7:00 a.m. and prepares for his day. He showers, eats his breakfast, and puts on his uniform. His son drives him to the bus station. Then, he gets on Bus #405 and starts the engine. He pulls out of the parking lot and begins his route.

At his first stop, he picks up Mrs. Miller, who lives in a red house on the corner of Main Street. She works at the post office. At the next stop, the Bartlett twins get on the bus. They go to the elementary school. More children get on at the next three stops, and they ride until the bus reaches their school. Mr. Lee enjoys seeing the kids every day and is happy to see them again in the afternoon when he drives them safely back home.

To practice the present tense, reread the paragraph, then try to repeat the main ideas in your own words. Be sure to use the *-s form* of the verb when the subject of a sentence is singular.

### Examples:

1. I work in a post office.
2. Sami works in a bank.
3. They live in Khobar.
4. I eat breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
5. She goes to work at 9:00 a.m.
6. Ahmad plays basketball every Friday.
7. Basmah starts class at 10:00.
8. I don't drink coffee.

### **The Negative Form of the Simple Present Tense**

In the simple present tense, negative forms and question forms are made using the auxiliary verb “do”.

#### **Forming a negative**

*Negatives in the simple present are formed by adding **don't** or **doesn't** before the simple form of the verb:*

I **don't** play tennis.

We **don't** speak French.

She **doesn't** eat a lot of rice.

It **doesn't** rain in summer in Saudi Arabia.

Subject	Auxiliary	Example
I	don't	I don't sing
You	don't	You don't sing.
He	doesn't	He doesn't sing.
She	doesn't	She doesn't sing.
It	doesn't	It doesn't sing .
We	don't	We don't sing.
They	don't	They don't sing

### Simple Present- Exercises

1. She \_\_\_ four languages.  
a. speak  
b. speaks
2. Jane is a teacher. She \_\_\_ French.  
a. teach  
b. teaches
3. When the kettle \_\_\_\_, will you make some tea?  
a. boil  
b. boils
4. I always \_\_\_ the window at night because it is cold.  
a. close  
b. closes
5. Those shoes \_\_\_ too much.  
a. cost  
b. costs
6. The food in Japan is expensive. It \_\_\_ a lot to live there.  
a. cost  
b. costs