



Present simple

Structure:

Affirmative	The simple present tense has the same form as the infinitive: to work = I work -Add "s" to the infinitive with he, she and it : he/she/it works
Negative	(DO / DOES) + (NOT) + (INFINITIVE) I do not work / He does not work -Contractions: do <i>not</i> = don't / does <i>not</i> = doesn't I don't work / He doesn't work
Interrogative	(DO / DOES) + (SUBJECT) + (INFINITIVE) Do you work ? / Does he work ?

Example:

Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
I travel	I don't travel	Do I travel?
You travel	You don't travel	Do you travel?
He/she/it travels	He/she/it doesn't travel	Does he/she/it travel?
We travel	We don't travel	Do we travel?
You travel	You don't travel	Do you travel?
They travel	They don't travel	Do they travel?

Spelling of the third form singular forms (he/she/it)

-Verbs ending in "consonant + y", change "y" to "i" and add "es":
study = studies / apply = applies / cry = cries

-Verbs ending in "ch", "sh", "ss", "x" and "o", add "es" to the infinitive:
= watches / finish = finishes / miss = misses / fix = fixes / go = goes

watch

Usage:

a. Permanent or long-lasting situations

She ***lives*** in New York.

Jane ***doesn't speak*** German.

Where ***do*** you ***work***?

b. Regular habits and daily routines

I generally ***get*** up at 7 o'clock.

He ***doesn't often go*** to the theatre.

When ***do*** they usually ***have*** lunch?

Common time expressions include: always, usually, often, sometimes, rarely, never, on Saturdays, at weekends, everyday, once a day, twice a day...

c. Facts/ general truths

The earth ***revolves*** around the sun.

Water ***doesn't boil*** at 20°.

d. Feelings, opinions and states of mind

She ***hates*** flying.

What ***do*** you ***like***?

I ***love*** walking by the sea.

He ***doesn't agree*** with you.

I ***think*** he is a wonderful student.

e. Timetables and schedules

The plane ***leaves*** at 4 p.m.

When ***do*** courses ***begin*** this semester?

The train ***doesn't arrive*** until 10:45.

f. Conditional type 1

If it ***rains***, we will stay at home.

Unless you ***hurry***, you will be late.

g. In time clauses when the main verb is in future form. (with conjunctions of time such as: when, after, before, as soon as, until)

When it ***stops*** raining, we will go out.

As soon as I ***arrive***, I'll phone you.

You won't watch TV until you ***do*** your homework.

He will come after he ***finishes*** work.

Exercise 01: put the verbs between brackets in the present simple tense

- a. How often (you / to go) _____ to the cinema?
- b. Courses (to begin) _____ on the fifth of September.
- c. They (not to live) _____ in New York. They live _____ in Boston.
- d. She will take the children to school before she (to come) _____.
- e. If he (to catch) _____ the 7 o'clock bus, he will arrive on time.
- f. Eric (to speak) _____ English very well, so he can help me.
- g. The Earth (not to circle) _____ the moon.

Exercise 02: put the sentences below in the negative form

- a. Sara and her friend go to the gym every weekend.

- b. The cafe opens at 07:30 in the morning.

- c. They agree with John's proposal.

- d. These days we rely on computers to organize our work.

- e. Mr Evans works in an office.

- f. In my opinion, he plays the role very well.

- g. She goes to the new restaurant in Hill Street every weekend.

Exercise 03: put the sentences below in the interrogative form

a. The sun's rays take eight minutes to reach the Earth.

b. She thinks that it is a good idea.

c. The store closes at 9 p.m.

d. Julie drinks tea very often.

e. Nurses look after patients in hospitals.

f. Robert usually goes away two or three times a year.

g. The Olympic Games take place every four years.

Exercise 04: use the following words to complete the sentences. Make the necessary changes

flow	live	grow	translate	cause	tell	open	eat	make	come
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a. Rice _____ in Britain.

b. Vegetarians _____ meat.

c. Mary _____ from Canada.

d. An interpreter _____ from one language into another.

e. The Amazon River _____ into the Atlantic Ocean.

f. Liars are people who _____ the truth.

g. Bees _____ honey.

h. My parents _____ in a very small flat.

i. The swimming pool _____ at 07:30 every morning.

j. Bad driving _____ many accidents.

The correction of the four exercises

Exercise 01:

a	b	c	d	e	f	g
Do you go	Begin	Don't live	Comes	Catches	Speaks	Doesn't

Exercise 02:

a	Sara and her friend don't go to the gym every weekend.
b	The cafe doesn't open at 07:30 in the morning.
c	They don't agree with John's proposal.
d	These days we don't rely on computers to organize our work.
e	Mr Evans doesn't work in an office.
f	In my opinion, he doesn't play the role very well.
g	She doesn't go to the new restaurant in Hill Street every weekend.

Exercise 03:

a	Do the sun's rays take eight minutes to reach the Earth?
b	Does she think that it is a good idea?
c	Does the store close at 9 p.m?
d	Does Julie drink tea very often?
e	Do nurses look after patients in hospitals?
f	Does Robert usually go away two or three times a year?
g	Do the Olympic Games take place every four years?

Exercise 04:

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j
Doesn't grow	Don't eat	Comes	Translates	Flows	Don't tell	Make	Live	Opens	Causes