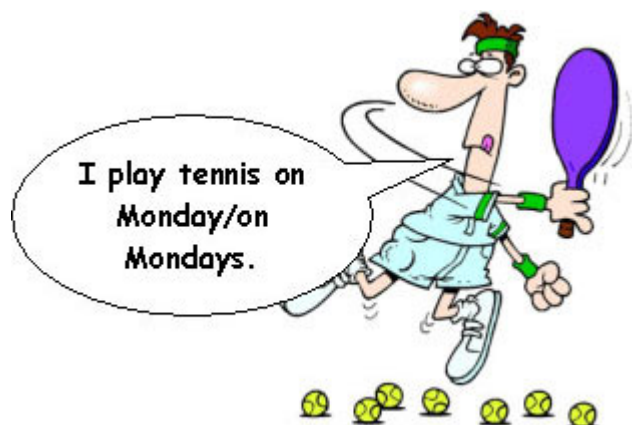


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The **Present Simple** tense describes things that are true, actions that happen many times, and simple statements of fact.



via <http://www.english-natali.ru/ru/poleznie/prs/index.html>

- *I **live** in London.*
- *I **work** in a bank.*
- *I **go** to work every day.*
- *I **play** football on Sundays.*

## How to form Present Simple

To make Present Simple, we use the base ([infinitive](#)) form of the verb without 'to':

- *To live → I **live** in London.*
- *To work → I **work** in a bank.*
- *To go → I **go** to work every day.*
- *To play → I **play** football on Sundays.*

With '**he**', '**she**', '**it**', add '**-s**' to the verb:

- *I **drink** coffee.*

- She **drinks** tea.
- It **tastes** good.

## Spelling rules for adding '-s'

There are some rules to remember when adding the '-s' ending to verbs.

1. If the verb ends in **-o**, **-ch**, **-sh**, **-ss** or **-x**, add **'-es'**.

- I go to work. She **goes** to college.
- I teach English. He **teaches** French.
- I wash my face. She **washes** her hands.
- I kiss her. She **kisses** me back.
- I mix the drinks. She **relaxes** on the couch.

2. If the verb ends in a **consonant** (b, c, d, etc.) + **-y**, drop the -y and add **'-ies'**:

- To carry → She **carries** a bag.
- To study → He **studies** history.
- To fly → An airplane **flies**.

3. In Present Simple with **'he/she/it'** the verb **'have'** has the form **'has'**:

- I **have** a pen and he **has** a pencil.
- She **has** a book and she **reads** it.

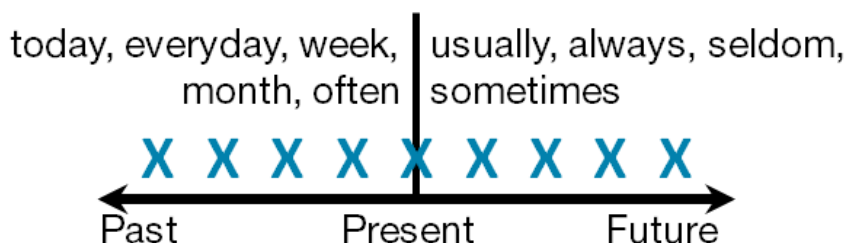
4. In Present Simple, the verb **'be'** has the forms **'am'** for **'I'**, **'is'** for **'he/she/it'** and **'are'** for **'we/you/they'**:

- I **am** a senior sister.
- She **is** a student.
- We **are** doctors.

## When to use Present Simple

We use **Present Simple** when we want to talk about fixed habits or routines, repeated actions or unchanging situations, emotions and wishes, likes and dislikes.

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## Verb or Verb + s/-es in 3 p.

via <https://www.learnathome.ru/grammar/present-simple-in-english.html>

Present Simple is used to express:

1) general truths and scientific facts (something that is always true)

- Water **boils** at 100 °C.
- The human body **contains** 206 bones.

2) something that happens regularly in the present (habits and routines)

- Kate **goes** to dance club on Sundays.
- I **play** football every weekend.

3) something that is true in the present (unchanging situations and permanent states)

- Paris **is** the capital of France.
- I'**m** a student.
- He **lives** in London.

4) fixed arrangements or timetable events

- Your exam **starts** at 09.00.
- This train **leaves** at 6.30 a.m.

5) instructions and directions

- **Open** the packet and **pour** the contents into hot water.

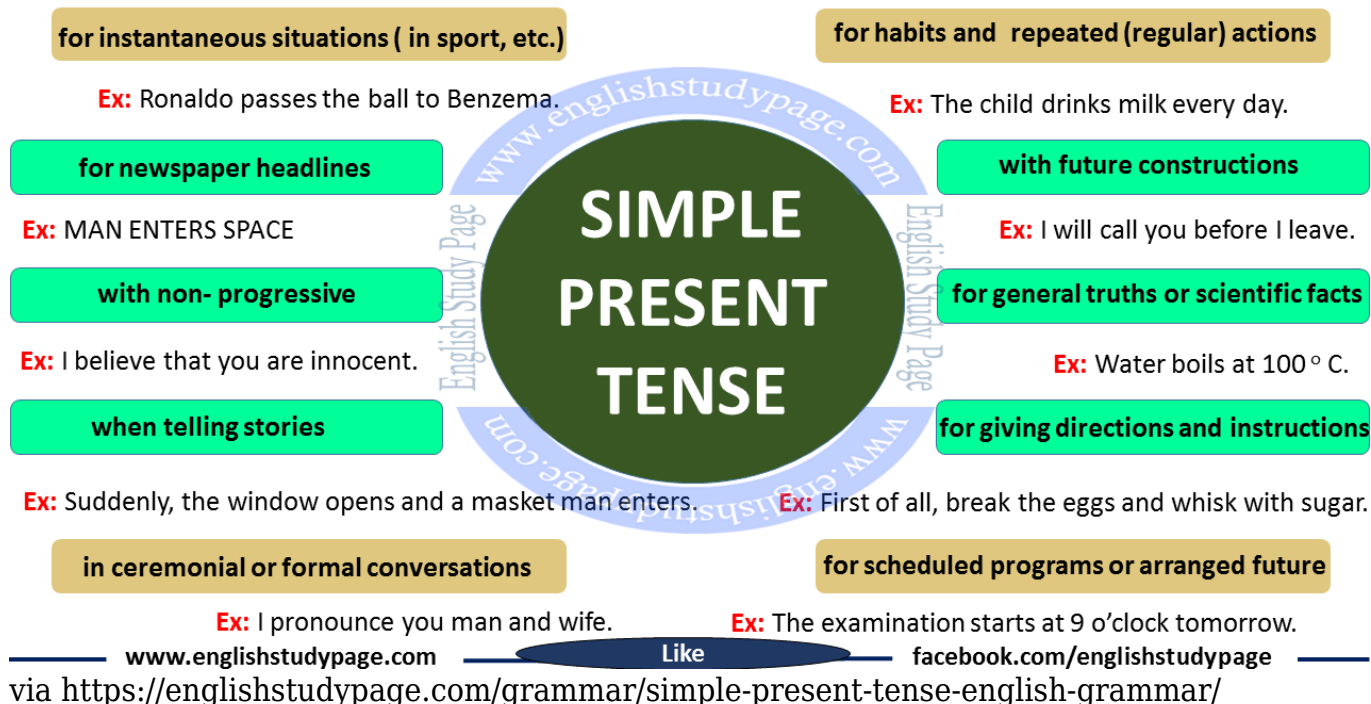
- You **take** the No.6 bus to Watney and then the No.10 to Bedford.

6) something in the future after time words like 'when', 'after' and 'before' and after 'if' and 'unless':

- I'll talk to John **when** I **see** him.
- You must finish your work **before** you **go** home.

Let's summarize the usages of Present Simple:

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## Expressions of time

Present Simple is often used with words like **usually, sometimes, often, seldom, never** or when talking about specific time (**at 10.30, every Sunday, in winter**, etc.):

- I **usually have** lunch in a small cafe around the corner, but **on Sundays** we **go** to a restaurant.
- I **sometimes** go to the cinema.
- She **never** plays football.

Here's a good video from Oxford Online English explaining how to use Present Simple correctly:

See also:

[Present Simple: Negative & Questions](#)

[The Verb 'Be' in Present Simple](#)

[Present Simple of Present Continuous?](#)