

Present Simple Tense

Clue words: always, sometimes, usually, often, rarely, occasionally, never, every day, once (a day)...

Three forms: affirmative, negative, interrogative.

- **Affirmative**: Subject + verb: I play, you play, he/she plays, we play...
- **Negative**: Subject + do, does + not + verb: I do not play, he **does** not play, we do not play...
- **Interrogative**: Do, does + subject + verb: Do I play? Does he play? Do we play?

Present uses:

1. **The Present Simple tense is used to describe an action or state that happens regularly, sometimes or never.**

Examples:

I take my dog for a walk every morning.
He doesn't usually dress like this.
Does she eat breakfast every day?

2. **The Present Simple tense is used to describe permanent situations.**

Examples:

He is Argentinean. He lives in Buenos Aires.
She is a seamstress. She sews clothes.
Tatiana speaks five languages: Russian, English, French, Italian and Arabic.

3. **The Present Simple tense is also used to state facts.**

Examples:

Dogs love playing in water.
Some birds don't fly.
The Moon reflects the light of the Sun.

4. The Present Simple tense is normally used to express **thoughts, feelings** and **states** happening at the moment.

Examples:

You seem very happy at the moment.

It doesn't taste good.

I don't believe it! Do you?

Future meanings:

1. The Present Simple tense can be used in a future context when we are talking about an **official arrangement** such as a **timetable** or **program**.

Examples:

Children start school tomorrow.

What time is the match on Tuesday? – It starts at six o'clock.

The train leaves Busan at 21:30 and arrives in Seoul around midnight.

Verbs that can be used in the Present Simple to talk about the future events: **arrive, be, begin, close, depart, end, finish, fly, leave, open, start.**

2. The Present Simple tense is used to refer to events in the future which are certain because they are **facts**.

Example:

His birthday falls on a Thursday next year.

