

## THE PRESENT SIMPLE : QUICK REFERENCE

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<b>When do we use the present simple</b>	<b>Examples</b>
To talk about <u>daily routines/repeated actions</u> (how often do you/we/they... do something?)	I play the piano every day He goes swimming twice a week They rarely go skiing
To give <u>general facts</u> (permanent situations)/ <u>opinions</u>	Water freezes at 0°C Anthropology is the study of humans, past and present She doesn't like dogs

Vocabulary often used with the present simple	Examples	Place in a sentence
Every day/every morning/every afternoon/every evening/every day/every week/every month/every year/every decade/every century	He goes to work <u>every day</u>	End of the sentence
At weekends	They visit friends and family <u>at weekends</u>	End of the sentence
Once/twice/three times a day/a week/a month/a year	She goes to the supermarket <u>once a week</u>	End of the sentence
Adverbs of frequency: never, rarely, hardly ever, sometimes, often, usually, always	It <u>hardly ever</u> snows here We <u>often</u> go to the beach in summer You <u>always</u> shout when you are angry	Between the subject and the verb

## Regular Verb Formation

	+	-	?
<b>I</b>	work	don't work	Do I work?
<b>You</b>	work	don't work	Do you work?
<b>He/she/it</b>	works	<b>doesn't</b> work	<b>Does</b> he/she/it work?
<b>We</b>	work	don't work	Do we work?
<b>They</b>	work	don't work	Do they work?

Questions and negative sentences in the present simple are formed with the **auxiliary verb** 'do'

Example Questions	Example Answers
Do they eat meat?	No they don't eat meat. They eat vegetables because they're vegetarian.
Does she like dogs?	No she doesn't like dogs. She prefers cats.
What do you wear at the weekend?	I wear jeans and a t-shirt.
When do the children do swimming lessons?	They do swimming lessons on Thursdays after school.
Who does he play squash with?	He plays squash with a colleague from work.
Where does she work?	She works at home.
Why do birds build nests?	They build nests to lay their eggs.
How do you travel to work?	I travel by bus.
How often do you watch tv?	I usually watch tv every evening.

## Irregular Verb Formation

### To be

	+	-	?
<b>I</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>am not/'m not</b>	Am I...?
<b>You</b>	are	are not/aren't	Are you...?
<b>He/she/it</b>	<b>is</b>	<b>is not/isn't</b>	Is he/she/it...?
<b>We</b>	are	are not/aren't	Are we...?
<b>They</b>	are	are not/aren't	Are they...?

The verb "to be" is often followed by an **adjective**.

Example Questions	Example Answers
Are you hungry?	No I'm not hungry but I <i>am</i> thirsty
Is dinner ready?	Yes it is. Let's eat.
Why are they upset?	They're upset because their mother is ill.
Is she angry with me?	No she isn't angry with you but she <i>is</i> angry with her brother.

## To do

	+	-	?
<b>I</b>	do	don't	Do I...?
<b>You</b>	do	don't	Do you...?
<b>He/she/it</b>	<b>does</b>	<b>doesn't</b>	<b>Does</b> he/she/it...?
<b>We</b>	do	don't	Do we...?
<b>They</b>	do	don't	Do they...?

You can use the verb "to do" as a **main verb** or as an **auxiliary verb** in the present simple.

Example Questions	Example Answers
Why <b>do</b> you <b>do</b> that?	I <b>do</b> it because I like it.
Where <b>do</b> they go on Saturdays?	They go shopping.
When <b>does</b> she have lunch?	She usually has lunch at half past twelve.

## To have/have got

	+	-	?
<b>I</b>	have have got	have not/haven't have not/haven't got	Do I have...? Have I got...?
<b>You</b>	have have got	have not/haven't have not/haven't got	Do you have...? Have you got...?
<b>He/she/it</b>	<b>has</b>  <b>has got</b>	<b>has not/hasn't</b>  <b>has not/hasn't got</b>	<b>Does he/she/it</b> <b>have...?</b> <b>Has he/she/it</b> <b>got...?</b>
<b>We</b>	have have got	have not have not/haven't got	Do we have...? Have we got...?
<b>They</b>	have have got	have not/haven't got have not/haven't got	Do they have...? Have they got...?

Example Questions	Example Answers
Do you have a car?	Yes I do.
Have you got a car?	No I haven't.
Does she have a headache?	No she doesn't.
Has she got a headache?	Yes she has.
Do they have any children?	No they don't.
Have they got any children?	Yes they have.