

The present simple



To Remember:

- **We use the Present Simple for habits :**
Example: *He plays football every Friday.*
- **We use it for actions we do regularly :**
Example: *I go to work by train.*
- **We use it for general truths :**
Example: *The Earth revolves around the sun.*
- **We use it for permanent situations :**
Example: *They live in Paris.*
- **We use it to express Future :**
Example: *The show starts at 6.30pm.*

Forms:

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

Warning:

- **We add –s to the verb to form the third person singular (he, she, it)**
Examples: *I love – he loves*. *I sing – he sings*.
- **We add –es to verbs ending in –ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o to form the third person :**
Example: *I search – he searches*.
- **With verbs ending in consonant + y, -y becomes –ies :**
Example: *I try – He tries*.
- **But if it ends in vowel + y, we just add –s as usual :**
Example: *I stay – she stays*.

Exercise:

Fill in the gap with the Present Simple of the verbs in brackets :

- a) My brother and I **(to like)** to play video games ?
- b) Lauren **(to cry)** every time she **(to watch)** this film.
- c) My parents **(to sell)** computers?
- d) Issa **(to meet)** all the criteria.
- e) The show **(to start)** at 7pm.
- f) I **(to not understand)** this poem.
- g) Andrew **(to play)** basketball every day.

Speaking:

Discuss with your partner / group:

- a) What do you do in your free time?
- b) What do you do at work?
- c) What do you eat for breakfast?
- d) What type of films do you like? Why?

Writing:

Create a dialogue. Prepare it to impress the rest of the class.

Choose a topic :

- a) Ordering in a restaurant.
- b) Organising an outing.
- c) Buying something in a shop.
- d) Asking questions about preferences / tastes.

