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Unit 1
School Life

Lesson 1a

Present Simple
Adverbs of Frequency

Lesson 1b

Present Continuous

Lesson 1c

Present Simple VS
Present Continuous
State Verbs

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Present Simple Adverbs of Frequency

Present Simple

We use the Present Simple:

- to talk about habits and routines.
- to talk about facts that are generally true.

Mark **drives** to work every day.

Babies **need** a lot of care.

Affirmative ✓

I work
You work
He works
She works
It works
We work
You work
They work

Negative ✗

I don't work
You don't work
He doesn't work
She doesn't work
It doesn't work
We don't work
You don't work
They don't work

Interrogative ?

Do I work?
Do you work?
Does he work?
Does she work?
Does it work?
Do we work?
Do you work?
Do they work?

Short answers

Yes, I do. / No, I don't.
Yes, he does. / No, he doesn't.

NOTE

Full form

I do not work
He does not work

Short form

I don't work
He doesn't work

Examples

I **cook** lunch every day.

I **don't cook** lunch every day.

He **wakes up** at 8 o'clock in the morning.

He **doesn't wake up** at 8 o'clock in the morning.

- **Do you cook** lunch every day?

- Yes, I do. / No, I don't.

- **Does he wake up** at 8 o'clock in the morning?

- Yes, he does. / No, he doesn't.

- **Spelling rules** - 3rd person singular

-s: I work → he works

-es: I kiss → he kisses

I brush → he brushes

I watch → he watches

I relax → he relaxes

I go → he goes

-ies: I study → he studies

BUT I play → he plays

⚠ I have → he **has**

- **Time expressions**

every day/week/month/..., on Mondays, at the weekend, at weekends, once/twice/three times a week, in the morning/afternoon/evening, at night, etc.

NOTE

The word order in questions with question words is:

1 Question Word	2 do/does	3 subject	4 verb
Where	do	you	live?
When	does	Max	study?

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- **How often** do you visit your grandparents?

- I visit my grandparents **once a week**.

Adverbs of Frequency

We use adverbs of frequency to show how often something happens.

— ☆ never
— ★ rarely
— ★★ sometimes
— ★★★ often
— ★★★★★ usually
— ★★★★★★ always

Adverbs of frequency go:

- before main verbs. *We **sometimes** go for a walk in the evening.*
*I don't **often** spend money on clothes.*
*Does Rob **always** jog in the morning?*
- after the verb "be". *Mr Smith is **always** very serious.*
*We are **never** late for school.*

1 Write the 3rd person singular Present Simple form of the verbs from the box in the correct column.

do carry wish study visit take try catch stay marry see pass

-s

1. visits

2. takes

3. stays

4. sees

-es

5. does

6. wishes

7. catches

8. passes

-ies

9. carries

10. studies

11. tries

12. marries

2 Complete the sentences with the Present Simple form of the verbs given.

- We often ride (ride) our bikes to school.
- Jacob watches (watch) football matches on TV at weekends.
- Does your brother tidy (your brother / tidy) his room every day?
- They don't have (not have) an Italian lesson on Mondays.
- Do your neighbours make (your neighbours / make) a lot of noise in the evening?
- Alice doesn't spend (not spend) much time with her friends on weekdays.

4 Put the words/phrases in the correct order to write questions in the Present Simple. Then, answer the questions about yourself.

- do / your homework / when / do / usually / you
 - When do you usually do your homework?
 - I usually do my homework in the afternoon.
- play / sport / in your free time / you / which / do
 - Which sport do you play in your free time?
 - Students' own answers
- often / where / you and your friends / do / meet
 - Where do you and your friends often meet?
 - _____
- on Sundays / does / cook / what / your mum / usually
 - What does your mum usually cook on Sundays?
 - _____

3 Write sentences using the Present Simple, the adverbs of frequency and the words/phrases given.

- Patrick / travel / to the USA (often / in summer)
Patrick often travels to the USA in summer
- Mary / be / at the office (never / at weekends)
Mary is never at the office at weekends
- they / stay / at home (rarely / in the evening)
They rarely stay at home in the evening
- you / go / to bed / late (sometimes / at night)
Do you sometimes go to bed late at night?
- I / not be / busy (usually / on Friday afternoons)
I am not usually busy on Friday afternoons
- Zach / take / the school bus (always / at 8 o'clock)
Does Zach always take the school bus at 8 o'clock?

5 Correct the sentences using the phrases given, as in the example.

- I play computer games in the evening. (board games)
I don't play computer games in the evening.
I play board games.
- My aunt works in a shop. (in a library)
My aunt doesn't work in a shop.
She works in a library.
- We go jogging on Wednesdays. (to the gym)
We don't go jogging on Wednesdays.
We go to the gym.
- My dad watches comedies. (sports programmes)
My dad doesn't watch comedies.
He watches sports programmes.

Before you read! What new subjects/activities do you have at school this year?

1 Read Kate's email to her friend, Susan.



New Message

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To: susan@email.com

Subject: What's new about me!

Dear Susan,

What's up? Is everything OK there? At the moment, I'm at home and I'm having fun with my family after a very busy week at school. My new school is very nice - I think I'm starting to like it! Well, at this school, we have all the usual school subjects, like Maths, History, Language and Literature, Science, etc. The teachers help us a lot and answer all our questions. My classmates are cool, too! I believe I'll make good friends soon. But what I like most about my new school is the school clubs! There are a lot of clubs to choose from and each one has something different to offer the students. I am a member of the Animal Lovers' Society. You know how much I like animals, especially dogs, so I'm really excited about it! We meet every weekend and we take care of animals at the local centre for homeless animals. We clean them, feed them and take them to the vet. This weekend, we're taking the dogs out for a walk!

Well, that's all for now! What about you? What's your school life like this year? Write back and tell me about it!

Kisses,

Kate

PS These are photos of me and my family in the garden of our new house! Look! Mum and dad are cooking lunch and my aunt Betty is setting the table with my cousin Helen. My uncle Ron is playing football with my brother, Philip, and I'm taking photos of all of them. With Blackie's help of course! 😊😊😊

2 Read the email again and answer the questions.

- Why does Kate like her teachers?
Because they help the students a lot and answer all their questions.
- What does Kate like most about her new school?
the school clubs
- Which club is Kate a member of?
the Animal Lovers' Society
- What are the members of Kate's club doing this weekend?
They're taking the dogs out for a walk.
- What are Kate's uncle and brother doing in the photo?
They're playing football.

3 Mark the sentences with T (true), F (false) or NG (not given).

- Kate is having a great time at the moment. T
- Kate doesn't like her new school. F
- The Animal Lovers' Society meets on Saturday mornings. NG
- Kate's family have got a big house. NG
- In one of Kate's photos, her parents are having lunch. F
- Philip is Kate's brother. T