



■ Present Simple Tense

Grammar Presentation

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Why do we use Present Simple Tense?

We use Present Simple to talk about *regular activities, habits, opinions and give scientific facts or truths*. There is also a future use of Present Simple tense when talking about *timetables*.

Routines or Habits

I **brush** my teeth in the mornings.

His flat mates **work** from 9 to 5 every weekday.

My uncle **buys** his clothes in that shop.

Mary and Tim always **wear** a suit on their wedding anniversaries.

She **has** her lunch in that small café.



Opinions

She **doesn't like** horror and action films.

My brother **thinks** playing chess is boring.

We **agree** with your new idea.

Scientific Facts or Truths

The earth **revolves** around the Sun.

Paris **is** in France.

Timetables

The first lesson **starts** at quarter past ten.

The plane to Rome **departs** at ten.

Next Saturday **is** my birthday.



How do we form present simple tense?

For all subject pronouns we use the base form of the verb. For third singular pronouns we add '-s' to the ending of the verb.

**I / you / we / they VERB
(base form)**

- I **play** football.
- You **play** football.
- We **play** football.
- They **play** football.

He/She/It VERB [-s]

- He **plays** football.
- She **plays** football.
- It **plays** with a ball.



What about negative and question forms?

In questions and negative sentences we use "**do**" or "**does**". We use "**do**" along with I, you, we they. We use "**does**" along with he, she, it.

Positive Sentence

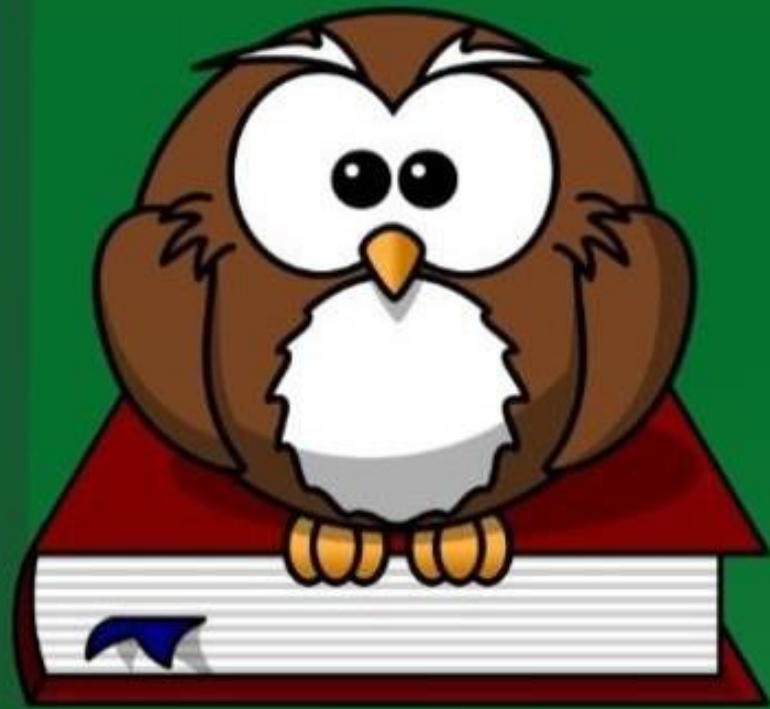
- I drink milk before bedtime.
- Tom drinks milk before bedtime.

Negative Sentences

- I **don't** drink milk before bedtime.
- Tom **doesn't** drink milk before bedtime.

Questions

- **Do** you drink milk before bedtime?
- **Does** Tom drink milk before bedtime?



What about *to be* verb?

To be verb is used to talk about **states** not actions. We can make any descriptions in which there is no action. Remember how you say your name, your age, your feelings, the colour of the sky etc.

For example...

His name **is** John. (*His name*)

My brothers **are** 15 years old. (*His age*)

This city **isn't** perfect for you. (*A description*)

I **am** tired now. (*feeling, mood*)



What are the *to be* verb forms?

There are three forms of "to be" in Present Simple.

I am from the USA. **I'm not** from Scotland.

You/we/They > You **'re/are** 13 years old. You **'re not** a baby.

He/She/It > She **'s/is** a naughty girl. She **'s/is not** hardworking at all.



We do not use *do* or *does* with *to be verb*.

For example...

I am ~~do~~ at school.

She isn't ~~does~~ very lucky.



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