

Present Simple Tense

We use it to talk about:



THINGS THAT ARE TRUE IN GENERAL

Zebras are mammals.



FACTS

They live in Africa.



HABITS AND ROUTINES

They eat grass every day.

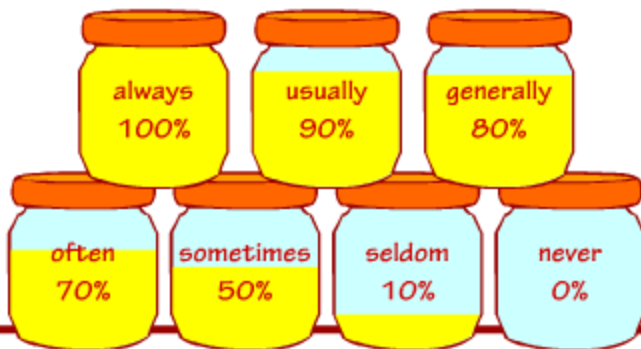


FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS

They feel pain just like everyone else.



Verbs have forms called tenses that tell you when the action happens. If the action happens regularly, sometimes or never, use the simple present tense.



HOW OFTEN?



We use these words to show how often we do an activity.



I **always** watch cartoons.
You **usually** fly balloons.
He **generally** runs from rats.
She **often** plays with cats.
It **sometimes** climbs on a tree.
We **seldom** drink ice tea.
They **never** sail on the sea.

PRESENT SIMPLE POSITIVE FORM

To make the positive form of the present simple we use the base form of the verb. We add **s**, **es** or **ies** in the third person singular (he, she, it).



SUBJECT	VERB	OBJECT
I	like	cats.
You	like	bats.
He	likes	dogs.
She	likes	frogs.
It	likes	snails.
We	like	whales.
You	like	bears.
They	like	hares.



A positive form tells you that something is so.

I sing
you sing
he sings
she sings
it sings

we sing
you sing
they sing



I teach
you teach
he teaches
she teaches
it teaches

we teach
you teach
they teach



I cry
you cry
he cries
she cries
it cries

we cry
you cry
they cry



Spelling rules for adding s, es, or ies

The spelling for the verb in the third person singular (he, she, it) differs depending on the ending of that verb.



add **s** to most verbs

run, runs

play, plays



add **es** to verbs that end in s, ss, sh, ch, x or o

fix, fixes

go, goes



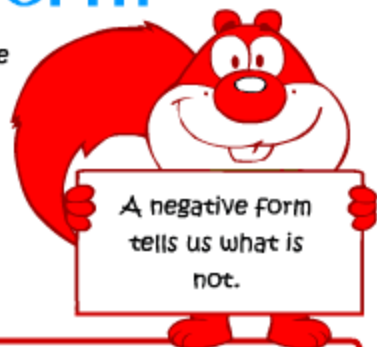
for verbs that end in a consonant + y, remove the y and add **ies**

fly, flies

try, tries

PRESENT SIMPLE. NEGATIVE FORM

To make the negative form, you need to use **do not** or **does not** before the base form of the verb.



I **don't** sing
you **don't** sing
he **doesn't** sing
she **doesn't** sing
it **doesn't** sing

we **don't** sing
you **don't** sing
they **don't** sing



A **contraction** is a shortened form of one or two words. An apostrophe takes the place of the missing letter or letters.

don't

doesn't

I you we they

he she it

do + not = don't

does + not = doesn't

I **don't** teach
you **don't** teach
he **doesn't** teach
she **doesn't** teach
it **doesn't** teach

we **don't** teach
you **don't** teach
they **don't** teach



I **don't** cry
you **don't** cry
he **doesn't** cry
she **doesn't** cry
it **doesn't** cry

we **don't** cry
you **don't** cry
they **don't** cry



SUBJECT do / does not **VERB** **OBJECT**

I don't like cats

You don't like bats

He doesn't like dogs

She doesn't like frogs

It doesn't like snails

We don't like whales

You don't like bears

They don't like hares

PRESENT SIMPLE. QUESTION FORM

To make the question forms, we use **do** or **does** before the subject and the base form of the verb.



Do / Does	SUBJECT	VERB	OBJECT
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Do	I	like	cats?
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Do	you	like	bats?
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Does	he	like	dogs?
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Does	she	like	frogs?
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Does	it	like	snails?
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Do	we	like	whales?
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Do	you	like	bears?
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Do	they	like	hares?
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We use question forms to ask something.

do I sing
do you sing
does he sing
does she sing
does it sing

?

do we sing
do you sing
do they sing



do I teach
do you teach
does he teach
does she teach
does it teach

?

do we teach
do you teach
do they teach



do I cry
do you cry
does he cry
does she cry
does it cry

?

do we cry
do you cry
do they cry



Short answers

If the question starts with **Do** or **Does**, it is called a Yes/No question, because it requires a short answer.

Do...?

I you
we they

Yes, I do.
Yes, you do.
Yes, we do.
Yes, they do.

No, I don't.
No, you don't.
No, we don't.
No, they don't.

Does...?

he it
she

Yes, he does.
Yes, she does.
Yes, it does.

No, he doesn't.
No, she doesn't.
No, it doesn't.

Do you play tennis?

Yes, I do.

