

Present Simple: Structure

AFFIRMATIVE FORM		NEGATIVE FORM			QUESTION FORM		
Subject + Verb + Object		Subject + Do/Does not + Verb			Do/Does not + Subject + Verb		
I YOU WE + YOU THEY	Verb (infinitive) e.g I go	I YOU WE + YOU THEY	don't +	Verb (infinitive) e.g I don't go	Do +	I YOU WE + YOU THEY	Verb (infinitive) e.g Do I go
HE SHE + IT	Verb (3rd person) e.g she goes	HE SHE + IT	doesn't +	Verb (infinitive) e.g she doesn't go	Does +	HE SHE + IT	Verb (infinitive) e.g Does she go

Present Simple: Use

Use 1: HABITS	Use 2: REPEATED ACTIONS
<p>We use present simple to talk about habitual actions:</p> <p>E.g. I watch TV after dinner. She listens to the radio in the morning.</p>	<p>We use present simple to talk about repeated actions:</p> <p>E.g. I get up at 8.00 every morning. They go for a walk every day.</p>
Use 3: ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY (always, sometimes, never etc.)	Use 4: TIMETABLES
<p>We use present simple to talk about the frequency of our actions:</p> <p>E.g. I hardly ever drink coffee. He often takes the bus.</p>	<p>We use present simple to talk about <u>future</u> timetabled events:</p> <p>E.g. The train arrives at 3.30. The film starts at 8.00.</p>
Use 5: GENERAL TRUTHS	Use 6: SUBORDINATE CLAUSES REFERRING TO THE FUTURE (after, before, as soon as etc.)
<p>We use present simple to talk about facts and make statements which are generally true:</p> <p>E.g. Two plus two equals four. People smile when they are happy.</p>	<p>We use present simple to talk about <u>future</u> actions in subordinate clauses:</p> <p>E.g. After I finish work, I'll go to the gym. Before he arrives, I'll prepare dinner.</p>