

Present Simple

We use the present simple to express actions in the present that are:

Permanent situations

The examples below are not temporary situations. They may change but not anytime soon.

- o She works at the library.
- o We live in California.
- o I'm tall.

Schedules and fixed times

- o The bus leaves at 9 am.
- o School starts in September.
- o All trains are suspended after midnight.

Facts

- o The sky is blue.
- o The earth is round.
- o Water boils at 100 degrees C.

Frequency, routine, and repetitive actions

*We often use **adverbs of frequency** such as *always, sometimes, often, usually, rarely and never* with the present simple to describe how often we do something.

- o He always eats lunch at 12 pm.
- o I usually have coffee with my breakfast.
- o I never eat junk food.

We only conjugate the present by adding an “s” to the end of the verb when the subject is “he, she, and it” in the affirmative form.

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| I, you, we, they | drive |
| He, she, it | drives |

to work every day.

*Irregular present tense verbs

have = has

go = goes
do = does

*Verbs that end in a consonant + y add "ies"

Study = studies
Hurry = hurries

*Verbs that end in "O, CH, SH, SS, X, Z" add "es"

go = goes
watch = watches
wash = washes
kiss = kisses
fix = fixes
quiz = quizzes

John goes to the supermarket.

She quizzes her students every Friday.

Present Tense in the negative form

To make a sentence negative in the present, add "do not" or "does not" after the subject. WE use **does not** for the subject "he, she, it". We do not add "s" to the end of the *main* verb for "he, she, and it" in the negative form.

Example: He doesn't **studies** every day. (*incorrect*)
He doesn't study every day. (*correct*)

Do not = don't (*contraction*)
Does not = doesn't (*contraction*)

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| I, you, we, they | do not |
| He, she, it | does not |

study every day.

Examples:

We drink coffee every day.

We **don't** drink coffee every day.

Maria drinks coffee every day.

Maria **doesn't** drink coffee every day.

You drink coffee every day.

You **do not** drink coffee every day.

Present tense in Question Form

To make a question, use **do** or **does**.

Questions

Short answer form

Do **I** watch movies?

Do **you** watch movies?

Do **we** watch movies?

Do **they** watch movies?

Does **he** watch movies?

Does **she** watch movies?

Does **it** watch movies?

Yes, **you** do.

Yes, **I** do.

Yes, **we** do.

No, **you** don't.

No, **I** don't.

No, **we** don't.

Yes, **they** do.

Yes, **he** does.

Yes, **she** does.

Yes, **it** does.

No, **they** don't.

No, **he** doesn't.

No, **she** doesn't.

No, **it** doesn't.

The verb to “be” is different from all other verbs in the present tense. [Click here](#) to learn how to use it in the present tense.

The verb to be is conjugated as: **is, am and are**. See examples in the chart.

Affirmative & Contraction

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| I am | I'm |
| You are | You're |
| We are | We're |
| They are | They're |

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| He is | He's |
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| She is | She's |
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| It is | It's |
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| I am not | I'm not |
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| You are not | You're not or you aren't |
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| We are not | We're not or we aren't |
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| They are not | They're not or they aren't |
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| He is not | He's not or he isn't |
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| She is not | She's not or she isn't |
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| It is not | It's not or it isn't |
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Negative & Contraction

Here are some example sentences.

I am from the United States.

He is from Mexico.

She is happy.

He is at work.

They aren't tall.

We are hungry.

You're not at home.

The Present Simple in the question form.

To ask **questions**, we put the verb "to be" before the subject.

| Questions | Short answer form | |
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| Am I from the Japan? | Yes, you are. | No, you aren't. |
| Are you from the Japan? | Yes, I am. | No, I'm not. |
| Are we from Japan? | Yes, we are. | No, we aren't. |
| Are they from Japan? | Yes, they are. | No, they aren't. |
| Is he from Japan? | Yes, he is. | No, he isn't. |
| Is she from Japan? | Yes, she is. | No, she isn't. |
| Is it from Japan? | Yes, it is. | No, it isn't. |

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