

Al-Mustaqbal University College : Morning and Evening third classes
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Present Simple

Form

Positive and negative

Question

I We You They	Work. Don't work.	Where	do	I We You they	live
He She It	Works. Doesn't work.		does	He She it	

Short answer

Do you live in Bristol

Yes, we do

Does he have a car

No, he doesn't

Use

The Present Simple is used to express:

1- an action that happens again and again (a habit).

I go to work by car.

She drinks ten cups of coffee a day.

I wash my hair twice a week.

2 a fact that is always true.

Ronaldo comes from Brazil.

Some birds fly south in winter.

My daughter has brown eyes.

It is a fact that is true for a long time (a state).

He works in a bank.

I live in a flat near the centre of town.

I prefer coffee to tea.

Spelling of verb+-s

1 Most verbs add -s to the base form of the verb.

Wants eats helps drives

2 Add -es to verbs that end in -ss, -sh, -ch, -x, and -o.

Misses washes watches fixes goes

3-Verbs that end in a consonant + -y change the -y to -ies.

Carries flies worries tries

But verbs that end in a vowel + -y only add -s.

Buys says plays enjoys.

Adverbs of frequency

1-We often use adverbs of frequency with the Present Simple.

(never/rarely/not often/sometimes/often/usually/always).

2-They go before the main verb, but after the verb be. Compare:

I usually start school at 9.00. They're usually in a hurry in the morning.

I don't often go to bed late. I'm not often late for school.

She never eats meat. He's never late.

I rarely see Peter these days. We're rarely at home at the weekends.

3- Sometimes and usually can also go at the beginning or the end.

Sometimes we play football . We play football sometimes.

Usually I go shopping with friends. I go shopping with friends usually

(Never, always, rarely, and seldom cannot move in this way).

NOT Never I go to the movies.

Always I have tea in the morning.

4 Every day, etc., goes at the end.

He phones me every night.