

General English *Grades 12 & 13* ***(unit 1- Grammar lesson)***

Simple Present Tense

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Let's learn Simple Present Tense.

- Simple Present Tense
- Present Simple Tense

Both terms can be used to identify this tense.

Read the text given below paying your attention to the words in bold.

Anitha **is** a teacher. She **is** a teacher of English. She **goes** to school every morning and **teaches** her students. All the students **like** her very much. But today she is staying at home. She has not gone to school today.



Notice the words in bold in the text. They all are in the Simple Present Tense.

is

goes

teaches

like

I / we / you / they

He / she / it

am

is

are

go / teach / write / run etc.

goes / teaches / writes / runs etc.

With personal pronoun "I"

With singular nouns

With plural nouns

- **We use the Simple Present Tense to talk about things in general.**
- **We are not thinking only about now.**
- **We use it to say that something happens all the time or repeatedly or something is true in general.**
- **It is not important whether the action is happening at the time of speaking.**

Examples

- I **am** a good student in our class.
- I **am** hungry now.
- She **is** a pretty lady.
- Mala **is** from a wealthy family.
- His name **is** Nimal and he **is** my friend.
- We **are** doctors and we **are** talented.
- They **are** very poor people.
- Cats **are** innocent animals.

Examples

- Nurses **look** after patients in hospitals.
- I usually **go** away at weekends.
- Children **play** cricket in the evening.
- They **catch** fish to earn money.
- The earth **goes** round the sun.
- She **works** in a bank.
- My brother **drives** a car.
- Sheela **makes** tasty food items.

Task 01

Put **is / am / are** correctly in the blanks.

1. David my friend and he is a good boy.
2. I hungry and I want to eat something.
3. Ann the most beautiful girl I have ever seen.
4. Dogs sometimes dangerous.
5. My mother and I good at knitting.
6. You very rich and you can donate us some money.

Task 02

Complete the sentences using one of the following. Use the correct form.

close / live / drink / watch / try / write

1. She a lot of water to maintain her skin.
2. The little girl neatly.
3. Children cartoons every evening.
4. The guard the gate every night.
5. You to improve your reading ability.
6. That old lady alone in an old flat.

We use following frequency adverbs when using the Simple Present Tense.

- always
- usually
- generally
- sometimes
- often
- frequently
- occasionally
- habitually
- seldom
- never

Examples

- I **usually** go out to play.
- My sister **always** complains about our pet.
- Victor **occasionally** visits his parents.
- He **never** eats meat.
- Sitha **always** sweeps her house.
- The baby often **cries** when his mother is not around.
- We **seldom** go out to play as we have a lot to do.
- I **sometimes** feel alone though I have everything in my life.

Question Form

*We use **Do / Does** to make questions.*

Do - With plural nouns

Does - With singular nouns

- She cleans her room daily.

Does she **clean** her room daily?

- You drink lots of water.

Do you **drink** lots of water?

Do	I / we / you / they	work? come? do? eat? run?
Does	he / she / it	study?

Task 03

Make questions. Do not forget to put question marks at the end .

1. The sun goes round the sun.
2. Rice grows in our country.
3. Bees make honey.
4. My grandma cooks well.
5. People cut down all the trees.
6. We clean our classroom everyday.

You can also use “**Wh**” **Question Words** to make questions.

- **Where** do you live? I live in Alexa.
- **What** do you do? I work in a bank.
- **How often** does she come here? She comes here once a month.
- **When** do you want to meet me? I want to meet you tomorrow.
- **Why** does Beth always complain about the food? Beth always complains about the food because they are too spicy.
- **Why** don't you go on a vacation? I don't go on a vacation because I am busy with my work.
- **Which** dress does Mala like? Mala likes the blue one.

Negative Form

*We use **Do not** / **Does not** to make negative form.*

Do not - Don't

Does not - Doesn't

- She cleans her room daily.

She **does not clean** her room daily.

- You drink lots of water.

You **do not drink** lots of water.

I / we / you / they

do not

work

come

do

eat

run

he / she / it

does not

study

Task 04

Underline the correct verb form.

1. My dog always (growls/growl) at the postman.
2. I (don't/doesn't) understand the assessment.
3. These clothes (is/are) too small for me.
4. I (am/are) the only girl in my family.
5. Poorni (wash/washes) the plates every evening.
6. The notices on the notice board (are/is) outdated.
7. Most of the cookies (is/are) eaten.
8. All the people (doesn't/don't) have enough money.
9. Sugar and flour (is/are) needed for the recipe.
10. Both my mother and father (are/is) educated.
11. All the Bollywood actors (look/looks) handsome.
12. He (don't/doesn't) have a new car.