

The simple present tense is one of the several forms of verbs in English this lesson will explain its uses.

The simple present tense is used:

- To express habits, general truths, repeated actions or unchanging situations, emotions and wishes:
I smoke (habit); **I work in London** (unchanging situation); **London is a large city** (general truth)
- To give instructions or directions:
You walk for two hundred meters, then **you turn** left.
- To express fixed arrangements, present or future:
Your exam **starts** at 09.00
- To express future time, after some conjunctions: **after, when, before, as soon as, until**:
He'll give it to you when you come next Saturday.

Be careful! The simple present is not used to express actions happening now.

Adverbs of frequency:

Usually , every day ,often , sometimes , rarely.

Examples

For habits

He drinks tea at breakfast.

She only eats fish.

They watch television regularly.

For repeated actions or events

We catch the bus every morning.

It rains every afternoon in the hot season.
They drive to Monaco every summer.

 **For general truths**

Water freezes at zero degrees.
The Earth revolves around the Sun.
Her mother is Peruvian.

 **For instructions or directions**

Open the packet and pour the contents into hot water.
You take the No.6 bus to Watney and then the No.10 to Bedford.

 **For fixed arrangements**

His mother arrives tomorrow.
Our holiday starts on the 26th March

 **With future constructions**

She'll see you before she leaves.
We'll give it to her when she arrives.

Except model verbs and auxiliaries , the regular verbs are conjugated in this manner by adding “ s “ for pronouns :

she – he – it .

Examples:

“ To Be “

“ To Have “

“ To Do “

“ To Cook “

	“ To Be “	“ To Have “	“ To Do “	“ To Cook “
I	am	have	do	cook
She- He- it	is	has	does	cooks
YOU	are	have	do	cook
WE	are	have	do	cook
They	are	have	do	cook

