

English With Nimafar

Present Simple

Overview:

The **Present Simple** is one of the most essential grammar points in English, used to describe habits, routines, general truths, and scheduled events. 🎯 By the end of this lesson, you'll be better able to use the **Present Simple** naturally and fluently in your daily conversations! 🗣️

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1 What is the Present Simple? 🤔

The **Present Simple** tense is one of the most fundamental tenses in English. It is used to describe **facts, habits, routines, and general truths**.

✓ Example Sentences:

- The sun **rises** in the east. ☀️
- I **go** to the gym every morning. 💪
- She **loves** chocolate. 🍫

2 Why Do We Use the Present Simple? 📅

The Present Simple is used in the following situations:

◆ Facts & General Truths

- Water boils at 100°C. 💧🔥
- The Earth orbits the Sun. 🌍☀️

◆ Habits & Routines

- He wakes up at 6 AM every day. 🕒
- We play football on Sundays. ⚽

◆ Permanent Situations

- They live in New York. 🏙️
- She works as a teacher. 👩🏫

◆ Scheduled Events (Timetables)

- The train leaves at 7:30 PM. 🚆
- The store opens at 9 AM. 📅

3 Structure of the Present Simple

◆ Affirmative Sentences

Subject + Base Verb (+s/es for he/she/it)

✓ Examples:

- I **work** in a bank. 🏦
- She **studies** English. 📖
- The dog **barks** at night. 🐕

◆ Negative Sentences

Subject + do/does not + Base Verb

✓ Examples:

- I **do not (don't) like** coffee. ☕❌
- He **does not (doesn't) watch** TV. 📺❌

◆ Interrogative Sentences

Do/Does + Subject + Base Verb?

✓ Examples:

- **Do** you **speak** English?
- **Does** she **like** sushi? 🍣

4 Spelling Rules for Third-Person Singular

When using the Present Simple with **he/she/it**, we often add -s or -es to the verb. But why? Let's break it down!

◆ Regular Verbs: Just Add -s

Most verbs simply take an -s in the third-person singular.

✓ Examples:

- eat → eats 🍏
- drink → drinks ☕
- run → runs 🏃

◆ Verbs ending in -s, -sh, -ch, -x, -o: Add -es

If a verb ends in one of these letters, we add -es instead of just -s.

✓ Examples:

- pass → passes 🏃
- watch → watches 📺
- go → goes 🚶
- mix → mixes 🥄

◆ Verbs ending in consonant + y: Change -y to -ies

If a verb ends in a consonant + y, we change "y" to "i" and add -es.

✓ Examples:

- study → studies 📖
- carry → carries 📦
- worry → worries 😞

? Why Does "Play" Not Change to "Plies"?

Great question! The reason is simple:

◆ If the verb ends in a vowel + y (like play, stay, or enjoy), we just add -s!

✓ Examples:

- play → plays 🎮
- stay → stays 🏠
- enjoy → enjoys 🎵

💡 **Remember:** If there's a **vowel** before y, just add -s. If there's a **consonant** before y, change y to i and add -es.

5 Adverbs of Frequency

Adverbs of frequency tell us **how often** something happens. They are commonly used with the Present Simple because this tense describes routines, habits, and repeated actions.

◆ Common Adverbs of Frequency & Their Meaning

Here's a breakdown from **100% (always)** to **0% (never)**:

Adverb	Meaning	Example
Always 🔥	100% of the time	I always wake up early. 🕒
Usually 🌿	80-90% of the time	She usually drinks coffee. ☕
Often 🏃	60-70% of the time	They often go to the gym. 💪
Sometimes 🧑	30-50% of the time	He sometimes forgets his keys. 🔑
Rarely ☁️	10-20% of the time	We rarely eat fast food. 🍔
Never ❌	0% of the time	She never smokes. 🚭

💡 Word Order Rule:

- **Before the main verb:** "I **always** study at night." 🌙
- **After the verb "to be":** "She **is always** happy." 😊

◆ Negative Adverbs of Frequency

Negative adverbs of frequency indicate that something **almost never** happens.

Examples:

- **Hardly ever** (≈5% frequency) → I **hardly ever** watch TV. 📺
- **Seldom** (≈10% frequency) → She **seldom** eats junk food. 🍔
- **Rarely** (≈15% frequency) → They **rarely** travel abroad. ✈️

🚀 **Pro Tip:** "Never" already has a negative meaning, so **don't use "not" with it!**

❌ *I don't never eat meat.* → ✅ ***I never eat meat.*** 🥗

6 Time Expressions Used with Present Simple 🕒

The Present Simple is often used with these time expressions:

- ✅ **Every** day/week/month/year
- ✅ **On** Mondays/Tuesdays/etc.
- ✅ **In the** morning/afternoon/evening
- ✅ **Always, usually, often, sometimes, never**

Example Sentences:

- She **usually** drinks tea in the morning. 🍵
- They **never** eat fast food. 🍔❌

7 Common Mistakes to Avoid 🚫

❌ **Forgetting the "s" in third-person singular**

- He like pizza. ❌ → He likes pizza. ✅

❌ **Using Present Continuous instead of Present Simple**

- I am going to school every day. ❌ → I go to school every day. ✅

❌ **Wrong word order in questions**

- Does he can swim? ❌ → Can he swim? ✅

8 Special Uses of the Present Simple

📌 **Stative Verbs** (Verbs that describe a state, not an action)

Some verbs are **not** used in the Present Continuous because they describe states rather than actions.

✅ Examples:

- **I believe** in ghosts. 👻
- **She knows** the answer. 🧠

🚫 **Not:** *I am believing in ghosts*

9 Advanced Notes

Advanced Tips for Mastering the Present Simple

◆ Conditionals (Zero & First Conditionals)

- If you **heat** ice, it **melts**. ❄️🔥
- If she **studies**, she **passes** the exam. 🎓

◆ Narrative Present (for storytelling & sports commentary)

- The hero **enters** the castle and **sees** a dragon. 🏰🐉

◆ Fixed Expressions & Proverbs

- Actions **speak** louder than words. 🗣️
- The early bird **catches** the worm. 🐦🪱

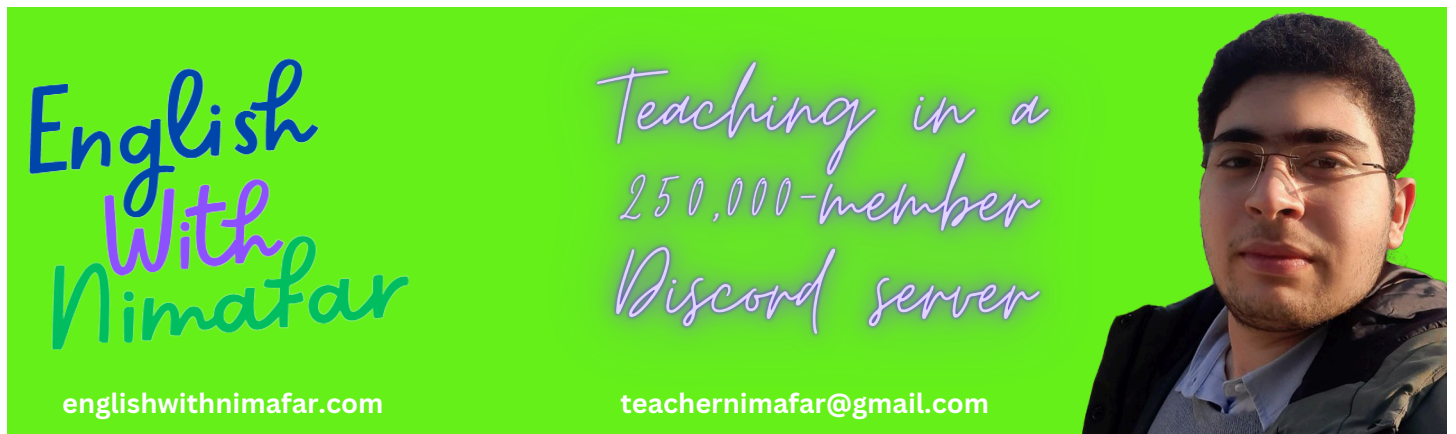
Examples

1. The train **leaves** at 8 AM every morning. 🚂
2. She **never** eats meat. 🍖❌
3. I **work** as a software engineer in a multinational company. 💻
4. They **usually** go hiking on weekends. 🏔️
5. He **doesn't like** spicy food. 🌶️❌
6. Water **boils** at 100°C. 🔥💧
7. The president **addresses** the nation every Monday. 🗣️
8. Sarah **plays** the piano beautifully. 🎹
9. My brother **fixes** computers for a living. 💻
10. The sun **sets** in the west. 🌅
11. A good teacher **inspires** students to achieve their goals. 🎓
12. This website **offers** free English courses. 📖
13. He **often** forgets his umbrella when it rains. ☔
14. We **meet** at the same café every Friday. ☕
15. She **owns** a small business in the city. 🏢
16. My mom **wakes up** at 6 AM every day. ⌚
17. The Earth **revolves** around the sun. 🌍☀️
18. He **reads** The New York Times every morning. 📰
19. Engineers **develop** innovative solutions to global problems. 🏗️
20. The company **does not allow** remote work. 📁

21. She **teaches** mathematics at the university. 📖
22. A healthy diet **reduces** the risk of disease. 🥗
23. Do you **like** watching documentaries? 📺
24. The museum **opens** at 9 AM and **closes** at 5 PM. 🏛️
25. They **rarely** visit their relatives. 🚗
26. The author **writes** novels in both English and French. 📚
27. My dad **drives** to work every morning. 🚗
28. Scientists **study** climate change to find solutions. 🌍
29. This application **automatically translates** texts into different languages. 📱
30. The teacher **corrects** our homework every day. ✎️

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