

# *The simple present*

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# FORM AND BASIC MEANING OF THE SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE



*She walks.*



**1<sup>st</sup> PERSON**

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

**PERSON**

**PERSON**

**SINGULAR**

*I walk*

*you walk*

*she walk***s**

*he walk***s**

*it walk***s**

**PLURAL**

*we walk*

*you walk*

*they walk*



- (a) I eat lunch **every afternoon.**
- (b) Max drives to work **every day.**
- (c) We get up **every morning.**
- (d) Kyle calls Mimi **every weekend.**

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday  
Sunday

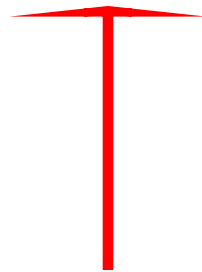
**HABITS = USUAL ACTIVITIES**

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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***We watch television every day.***

***watch***



***watches***



***He watches television every day.***

***watch***

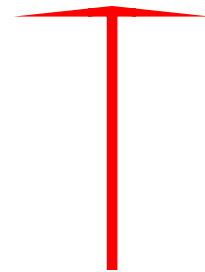


***watches***



**We eat lunch at 12:00.**

***eat***



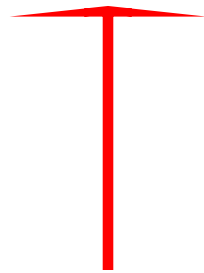
***eats***





***Jara takes a walk in the morning.***

***take***



***takes***

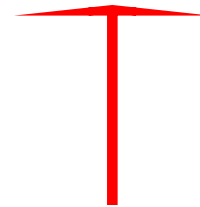




***My friend rides her horse every day.***



***ride***



***rides***



**USING FREQUENCY ADVERBS: ALWAYS, USUALLY, OFTEN, SOMETIMES, SELDOM, RARELY, NEVER**

***They always  
drink tea with  
lunch.***





## USING FREQUENCY ADVERBS: ALWAYS, USUALLY, OFTEN, SOMETIMES, SELDOM, RARELY, NEVER

100% (a) Mary **always** eats lunch at school.

90%- 99% (b) Mary **usually** eats lunch at school.

75%- 90% (c) Josh **often** eats hamburgers.

25%- 75% (d) Tia **sometimes** eats lunch at school.

5%- 10% (e) Tia **seldom** eats lunch at school.

1%- 10% (f) Eva **rarely** washes her car.

0% (g) Jay **never** goes to the zoo.

**frequency adverbs**



**Talia always feeds her dog.**

<i>Sun.</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

- ~~always~~
- ~~usually~~
- often
- sometime
- s
- seldom
- rarely
- never



Jara seldom watches TV.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
						✓

*always*  
*usually*  
*often*  
*sometime*  
 *seldom*  
*rarely*  
*never*



Luke usually cooks dinner.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓

- always
- usually
- often
- sometime
- s
- seldom
- rarely
- never



**Moussad sometimes cooks dinner.**

<i>Sun.</i>	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
✓			✓	✓		✓

*always*  
*usually*  
*often*  

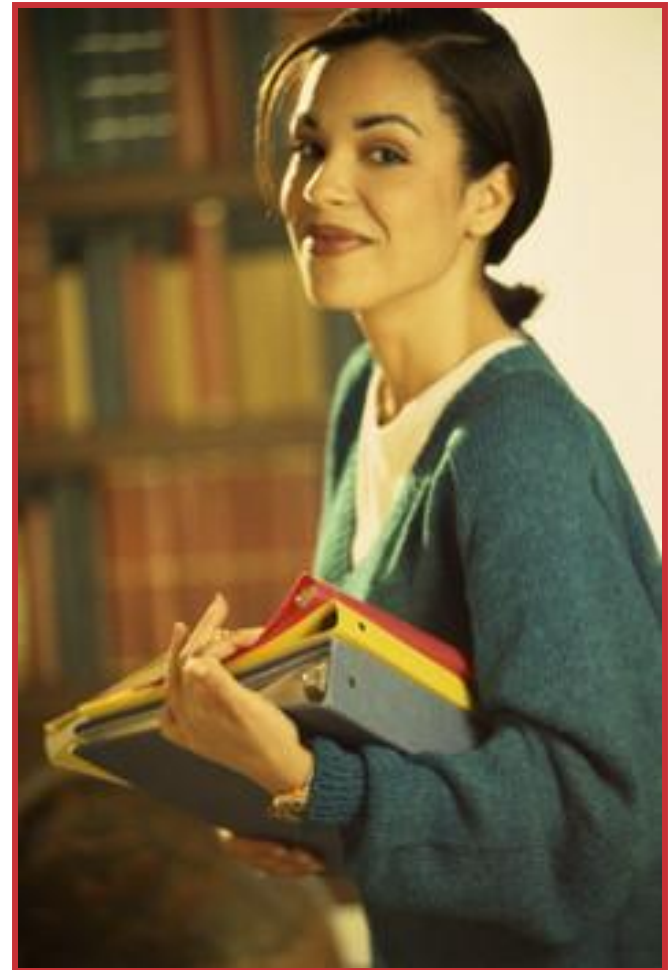
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*sometime*  
*s*  
*seldom*  
*rarely*  
*never*





*She goes to  
the library  
once a week.*





## OTHER FREQUENCY EXPRESSIONS

**(a) She goes to the library**

**once a week.**  
**twice a week.**  
**five times a week.**

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sat.</b>
	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓



## OTHER FREQUENCY EXPRESSIONS

**(b) I go to school *five times a week*.**

**(c) I go to the movies *twice a month*.**

**(d) I go to the beach *once a year*.**

***how many times***  
***a day***                      ***a week***  
***a month***                    ***a year***



## OTHER FREQUENCY EXPRESSIONS

**(e) I feed my dog every morning.**

**I ride my horse every week.**

**I wash my car every year.**

**Every  
is  
singular.**

**Correct? no**  
**every weeks**



***How often  
do you  
drink  
coffee?***

***Every  
morning.***





So you  
**always**  
drink coffee?

Yes.

**always**  
**usually**  
**often**

**sometimes**  
**seldom**  
**rarely**  
**never**





*Mei doesn't  
drink coffee.*

*I know. She  
never drinks  
coffee.*

*always  
usually  
often*

*sometimes  
seldom  
rarely  
never*





***Does Dr. Aboud  
take a walk  
every day?***

***No. He walks  
five or six  
days a week.***







***Five or six  
times  
a week?***

***Yes, he  
often  
takes a walk.***



***always  
usually  
often  
  
sometimes  
seldom  
rarely  
never***



***Jeff is  
always  
dirty.***





## USING FREQUENCY ADVERBS WITH BE

**SUBJECT** + **BE** + **FREQUENCY  
ADVERB**

**Jeff** + **is** + ~~sometimes~~ **sometimes dirty.**

**am**  
**is** + **FREQUENCY  
ADVERB**  
**are**





## USING FREQUENCY ADVERBS WITH BE

**SUBJECT + FREQUENCY + OTHER SIMPLE  
ADVERB PRESENT VERBS**

**Sergio + ~~sometimes~~ sometimes + rides a bike.**

*frequency  
adverb*

+

*all simple  
present  
verbs  
except **be***





***He is tired.***

***usually***





***Jeff is sad.***      ***never***

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***Lucy reads at the library. often***





***It rains in the desert. rarely***







***Gerardo teaches math.***





# SPELLING AND PRONUNCIATION OF FINAL -ES

	SPELLING	PRONUNCIATION
<b>-sh</b> (a) <i>push</i> →	<i>push</i> <b>es</b>	<i>push</i> /ə <b>z</b> /
<b>-ch</b> (b) <i>teach</i> →	<i>teach</i> <b>es</b>	<i>teach</i> /ə <b>z</b> /
<b>-ss</b> (c) <i>kiss</i> →	<i>kiss</i> <b>es</b>	<i>kiss</i> / ə <b>z</b> /
<b>-x</b> (d) <i>fix</i> →	<i>fix</i> <b>es</b>	<i>fix</i> / ə <b>z</b> /
<b>endings</b>	<b>add -es</b>	<b>say /əz/</b>



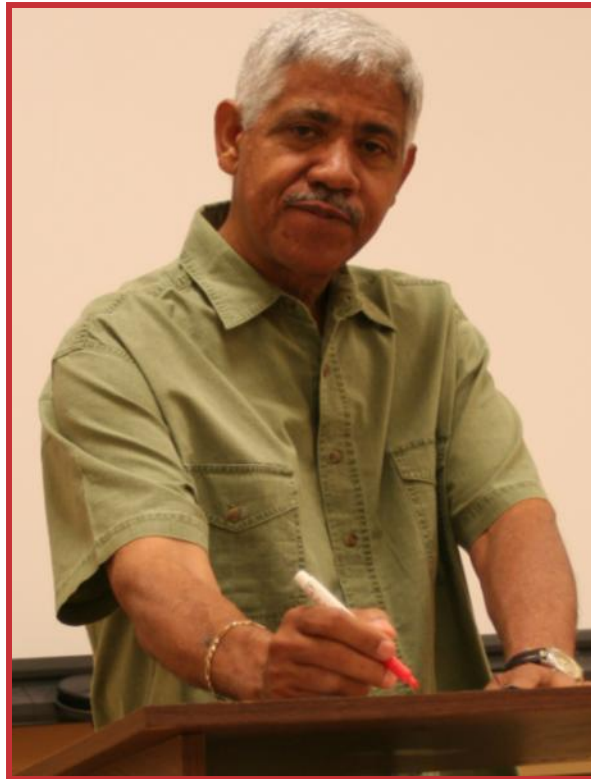
***miss***

***Seung never misses  
his TV program.***



***teach***

***Gerardo teaches math.***





**wash**

***Viktor always washes his car.***





***mix***

***Ade usually mixes sugar  
in his coffee.***





***The baby cries a lot.***





## ADDING FINAL -S / -ES TO WORDS THAT END IN -Y

(a) **cry** → **cries**

**fly** → **flies**

**consonant + -y**

**change y to i,  
add -es**

(b) **pay** → **pays**

**enjoy** → **enjoys**

**vowel + -y**

**add -s**





**buy**  
**often**

**Gazioften buys too many things.**





**say**  
***always***

***She always says nice things.***





**worry**  
**often**

***Her father often worries about her.***



***The man has a brown coat.***





# IRREGULAR SINGULAR VERBS: HAS, DOES, GOES

## Irregular forms:

(a) *I **have** a hat.*

(b) *She **has** a hat.*

(c) *I **do** exercises.*

(d) *He **does** exercises.*

(e) *We **go** to the gym.*

(f) *He **goes** to the gym.*

she	] + <b>has</b>
he	
it	
	<b>have</b> ► <b>has</b>

she	] + <b>does</b>
he	
it	
	<b>do</b> ► <b>does</b>

she	] + <b>goes</b>
he	
it	
	<b>go</b> ► <b>goes</b>



**do does**

**George does yoga every day.**





**go goes**

***Zhou-li goes for a walk on Sunday.***



***have***

***has***

***She always has homework.***





*She runs six miles every day.*





*She runs six miles every day.*





# SPELLING AND PRONUNCIATION OF FINAL -S I -ES

## SPELLING

## PRONUNCIATION

(a) *run* → *runs*  
*rain* → *rains*  
*scrub* → *scrubs*  
*love* → *loves*

**-s as /z/  
voiced**

**3<sup>rd</sup> person singular  
add -s**



**SPELLING**

**PRONUNCIATION**

(b) *sink* → *sinks*  
*meet* → *meets*  
*fight* → *fight**s*  
*cough* → *cough**s*

**-s as /s/  
voiceless**

**3<sup>rd</sup> person singular  
add -s**



**SPELLING**

**PRONUNCIATION**

**(c) push → pushes**  
**watch → watches**  
**miss → misses**  
**tax → taxes**  
**-sh, -ch, -ss, -x**

**-es as /əz/**

**3<sup>rd</sup> person singular**  
**add -es**



## SPELLING AND PRONUNCIATION OF FINAL -S I -ES

### SPELLING

### PRONUNCIATION

(d) *dry* → *dries*  
*study* → *studies*  
consonant + *-y*

**-es as /əz/**

**3<sup>rd</sup> person singular**  
**change *y* to *i*, add *-es***



# SPELLING AND PRONUNCIATION OF FINAL -S I -ES

## SPELLING

## PRONUNCIATION

(e) *pay* → *pays*

*buy* → *buys*

vowel + *-y*

*-s* as /z/

3<sup>rd</sup> person singular

add *-s*



**SPELLING**

**PRONUNCIATION**

**(f) have → has**

**/haəz/**

**go → goes**

**/gowz/**

**do → does**

**/dəz/**

**3<sup>rd</sup> person singular forms  
irregular**





***push***

***Mark pushes his  
bike up the hill  
every afternoon.***





***brush***

***The child brushes his  
teeth every morning.***





***dream***

***Brenda often dreams about her old home.***



***They do not wash their car.***





(a) ~~They~~ **do not** drink milk.

I	] _____ <b>NEGATIVE:</b> <b>+ do not + main verb</b>
We	
You	
They	

(b) ~~She~~ **does not** drink milk.

She	] _____ <b>+ does not + main verb</b>
He	
It	



(a) *I **do not** drink milk.*

(b) *She **does not** drink milk.*

***do and does = helping***

***verbs***

*She **does not** ~~drinks~~ milk?*

*3<sup>rd</sup> person singular **▶** no **-s** on main*

***verb***



(c) *I **don't** drink milk.*

*They **don't** go to the lake.*

(d) *He **doesn't** drink milk.*

*Jack **doesn't** like dogs.*

**CONTRACTIONS:**

***do not = don't***

***does not = doesn't***



***smile***  
***not***

***This child doesn't smile.***  
***(use the contraction)***







**We don't like snakes.**  
**(use the contraction)**

**like not**





***Magda doesn't speak Dutch.***  
***(use the contraction)***



***speak***  
***not***



***don't***  
***doesn't***

***feed***  
***jump***  
***run***  
***speak***

***Sometimes I don't feed my cat.***

***My husband feeds her.***



*don't*  
*doesn't*

*sit*  
*need*  
*like*  
*run*

*She doesn't run fast at the gym.*

*She gets tired.*



***don't***  
***doesn't***

***feed***  
***jump***  
***need***  
***eat***

***They are good cooks.***

***They don't need help.***



***Does he exercise?***





## THE SIMPLE PRESENT: YES/NO QUESTIONS

**DO/** + **SUBJECT** + **MAIN**  
**DOES** **VERB**

**(d) Do they like salad??**

**QUESTION FORMS, SIMPLE  
PRESENT**

**Do they + main verb**  
**(simple form)**



## THE SIMPLE PRESENT: YES/NO QUESTIONS

**DO/** + **SUBJECT** + **MAIN**  
**DOES** **VERB**

**(d)** **Does** **she** **like** **her job??**

**QUESTION FORMS, SIMPLE  
PRESENT**

**Does** **she** + **main verb**  
**(simple form)**





(h) **Are** you a student?

**NOT:** Do you **be** a student?

*main verb = a form of **be***

~~do~~



QUESTION

SHORT ANSWER

(i) **Do** you **like** ice cream?

Yes, I **do**.

No, I **don't**.

(j) **Does** Max **like** ice cream?

Yes, he **does**.

No, he **doesn't**.



**Question**

***Do you like to ride horses?***

**Short Answer**

***Yes, I do.***

**Long Answer**

***I like to ride horses.***





## Question

***Do they have a baby?***

## Short Answer

***Yes, they do.***

## Long Answer

***They have a baby.***





## Question

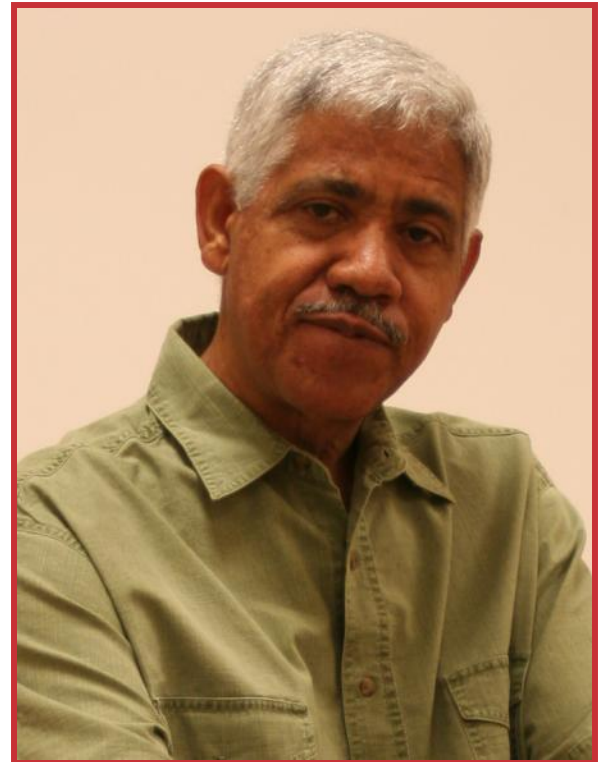
**Does Gerardo teach math?**

## Short Answer

**Yes, he does.**

## Long Answer

**Gerardo teaches math.**





## Question

**Do cows bark?**

## Short Answer

**No, they don't.**

## Long Answer

**Cows don't bark.**





**THE SIMPLE PRESENT: ASKING INFORMATION  
QUESTIONS WITH WHERE**

***Where do they live?***

***Do they live in Baltimore?***





# THE SIMPLE PRESENT: ASKING INFORMATION QUESTIONS WITH WHERE

**QUESTION**

**SHORT ANSWER**

**(a) Do they live in Baltimore?**

**Yes, they do.  
No, they don't.**

**(b) Where do they live?**

**In Baltimore.**





# THE SIMPLE PRESENT: ASKING INFORMATION QUESTIONS WITH WHERE

**QUESTION**

**SHORT ANSWER**

**(c) Does Alexi live in Moscow?**

**Yes, he does.**  
**No, he doesn't.**

**(d) Where does he live?**

**In Cape Town.**



## THE SIMPLE PRESENT: ASKING INFORMATION QUESTIONS WITH WHERE

**(WHERE) + DO/DOES + SUBJECT + MAIN VERB**

- (a) Do they live in Baltimore?**
- (b) Where do they live ?**
- (c) Does Alexi live in Moscow?**
- (d) Where does he live ?**



**Question:** *Does the child have a toothbrush?*

**Answer:** *Yes, he does.*

*(The child has a toothbrush.)*





**Question:** *Where does he brush his teeth?*

**Answer:** *In the bathroom.*

*(He brushes his teeth in the bathroom.)*

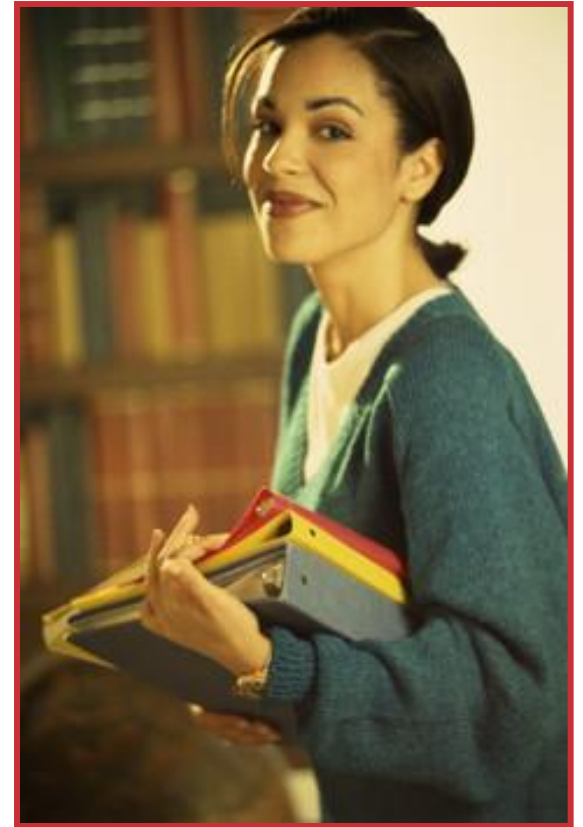




**Question:** *Does Lucy like to read at the library?*

**Answer:** *Yes, she does.*

*(Lucy likes to read at the library.)*





***When do you go shopping?***

***What time do you go shopping?***





THE SIMPLE PRESENT: ASKING INFORMATION  
QUESTIONS WITH WHEN AND WHAT TIME

**Q-WORD** + **DO/** + **SUBJECT** + **MAIN**  
**DOES** **VERB**

(a) **When** do you go to work?

At eight o'clock.

(b) **What time** do you go to work?

At eight o'clock.



**THE SIMPLE PRESENT: ASKING INFORMATION  
QUESTIONS WITH WHEN AND WHAT TIME**

**Q-WORD + DO/  
DOES + SUBJECT + MAIN  
VERB**

**(c) When does he exercise?**

**At ten o'clock.**

**(d) What time does he exercise?**

**At ten o'clock.**





## THE SIMPLE PRESENT: ASKING INFORMATION QUESTIONS WITH WHEN AND WHAT TIME

**Q-WORD** + **DO/ DOES** + **SUBJECT** + **MAIN VERB**

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(e) **What time** do **you usually** go to class?

**subject** + **frequency adverb** + **main verb**



**When (What time)  
does the pool  
close?**

**The pool  
closes at  
6:00 P.M.**





***When (What time)  
do you eat lunch?***

***I eat lunch  
at 12:00.***





***I usually  
go to bed  
at 11:00.***

***When (What time)  
do you usually go  
to bed ?***





# SUMMARY: INFORMATION QUESTIONS WITH BE AND DO

Q-WORD + **BE** + SUBJECT

LONG ANSWER

(a) Where **is** Botswana?



**Botswana is in Africa.**



## SUMMARY: INFORMATION QUESTIONS WITH BE AND DO

Q-WORD + <b>BE</b> + SUBJECT	LONG ANSWER
<b>(b) Where are your gloves?</b>	<b>They are at home.</b>
<b>(c) When is lunch?</b>	<b>Lunch is at noon.</b>
<b>(d) What is your name?</b>	<b>My name is Uma.</b>
<b>(e) What time is the movie?</b>	<b>The movie is at 5:00.</b>



## SUMMARY: INFORMATION QUESTIONS WITH BE AND DO

**Q-WORD** + **DO** + **SUBJECT** + **MAIN VERB**

**(f) Where does she live?**  
**She lives in Belgium.**

**(g) What time does school start?**  
**It starts at 9:00 A.M.**

**(h) What does she play?**  
**She plays tennis.**

**(i) When do you study?**  
**I study at night.**



*is*    *are*    *does*    ***do***

***Where do they buy  
food?***





*is*

*are*

*does*

*do*

***What time does the train leave?***



***is***

***are***

***does***

***do***

***When is your test?***



*is*

*are*

*does*

*do*

***What are their names?***