

Present Simple

The present simple is used to express daily routines and habits. Adverbs of frequency such as usually, sometimes, rarely, and so on are often used with the present simple.

Positive

- Frank usually takes a bus to work.



- I cook dinner on Fridays and Saturdays.



- They play golf on weekends.



Negative

- They don't often go to Chicago.



- He doesn't drive to work.



- You don't usually get up so early.

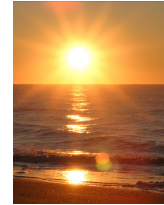
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Question

- How often do you play golf?
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- When does she leave for work?
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- Do they understand English?
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The present simple is also used about facts that are always true.

- The sun rises in the east.



- Dinner costs \$20.

- Speaking languages improves your chances to get a job.

The present simple can also be used to speak about scheduled events, even if those events are in the future:

- The train leaves at 6 o'clock.



- It doesn't begin until 8 p.m.

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- The plane lands at 4:30.



The present simple is also used in future time clauses to say when something will take place:

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- We will have lunch when they arrive next week.
- What will you do after he makes his decision?
- They won't know the answer before she comes next Tuesday.