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Objective:

Simple present.

Introduction: presentation and practice

Conceptual map:

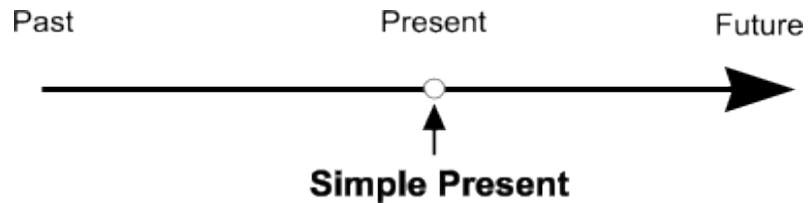
simple present

- presentation

affirmative, negative, and interrogative form

Development:

Simple present is also called present simple.



The simple present expresses an action in the present taking place once, never or several times. It is also used for actions that take place one after another and for actions that are set by a timetable or schedule. The simple present also expresses facts in the present.

Use:

- the infinite verb (play) with the personal pronouns *I, you, we* and *they* (or with the plural form of nouns)
- the verb + s (plays) with the personal pronouns *he, she, it* (or with the singular form of nouns)

	affirmative	negative	question
I/you/we/they	I play.	I do not play.	Do I play?
he/she/it	He plays.	He does not play.	Does he play?

Use the Simple Present to express the idea that an action is repeated or usual. The action can be a habit, a hobby, a daily event, a scheduled event or something that often happens. It can also be something a person often forgets or usually does not do.

Examples:

- I **play** tennis.
- She **does not play** tennis.
- **Does** he **play** tennis?
- The train **leaves** every morning at 8 AM.
- The train **does not leave** at 9 AM.
- When **does** the train usually **leave**?
- She always **forgets** her purse.
- He never **forgets** his wallet.
- Every twelve months, the Earth **circles** the Sun.
- **Does** the Sun **circle** the Earth?

More Information

<http://www.aprende-gratis.com/ingles/curso.php?lec=presente-simple>

<http://www.theyellowpencil.com/gramapresente.html#>

Resume:



FORM

I	work,
You	
We	
They	

She	works,
He	
It	

- *She, he, it*: add **s** to the verb.

I	teach,
You	
We	
They	

She	teaches,
He	
It	

- Verbs ending in *sh, ch, ss, o* or *x*, e.g. *teach, wash, watch, go*: add **es** to the verb after *she, he, it*.

I	carry,
You	
We	
They	

She	carries,
He	
It	

- Verbs ending in consonant + *y*, e.g. *carry, study, cry*: change *y* → *i* and add **es** after *she, he, it*.

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Activities:

PRINTABLE ENGLISH EXERCISES

Present Simple Tense

Complete each sentence with a verb from the box.
The **answers** are at the **end of the page**.

start | take | eat | think | sleep | go | like | drink | write | live

1. The film _____ every day at 8 p.m.

2. The children _____ milk with their meals.

3. Cats generally _____ a lot.

4. Julie _____ a letter to her mother once a week.

5. Tom and Julie _____ in a big city in the centre of the country.

6. Tourists _____ to Egypt to see the pyramids.

7. Jimmy always _____ the bus to go to school.

8. We all know that children _____ sweets.

9. Anne _____ it's a good idea to do English exercises.

10. If you want to be healthy, you must _____ good food.

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Answers :

1-starts 2-drink 3-sleep 4-writes 5-live 6-go 7-takes 8-like 9-thinks 10-eat

1. Tom ___ like chocolate ice cream.

a. doesn't

b. don't

Answer ▼

2. I ___ understand, do you?

a. doesn't

b. don't

Answer ▼

3. Dr. Watson ___ smoke, does he?

a. doesn't

b. don't

Answer ▼

4. We ___ like classical music very much.

a. doesn't

b. don't

Answer ▼

5. Sally said she ___ want it anymore.

a. doesn't

b. don't

Answer ▼

6. Mr. Hill ___ live in New York. He lives in Boston.

a. doesn't

b. don't

Answer ▼

7. Rice ___ grow in cold climates.

a. doesn't

b. don't

Answer ▼

8. They like coffee, they ___ like tea.

a. doesn't

b. don't

Answer ▼

9. We are new here. We ___ know him.


a. doesn't

b. don't

Answer ▼

10. Harry has bad breath because he ____ brush his teeth very often.
a. doesn't
b. don't
 ▼
11. We are rich so we ____ have to work.
a. doesn't
b. don't
 ▼
12. Dave speaks English, French, and German, but he ____ speak Italian.
a. doesn't
b. don't
 ▼
13. They ____ sell that brand anymore.
a. doesn't
b. don't
 ▼
14. It is really a cheap restaurant, it ____ cost much to eat there.
a. doesn't
b. don't
 ▼
15. I have a television, but I ____ watch it often.
a. doesn't
b. don't
 ▼
16. That kind of earthquake ____ happen often.
a. doesn't
b. don't
 ▼
17. We live close to the sea, but we ____ go often.
a. doesn't
b. don't
 ▼
18. I love sumo, but I ____ like boxing.
a. doesn't
b. don't
 ▼
19. You ____ like me very much, do you?
a. doesn't
b. don't
 ▼
20. My son ____ like skiing. He likes snowboarding now.
a. doesn't
b. don't
 ▼

21. We ___ have time to do that on the way home.
a. doesn't
b. don't

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