

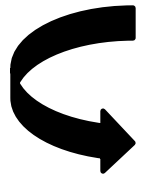
Grammar Power 2

Verb Tense

Simple Present

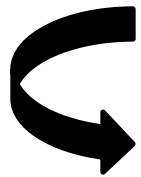
Simple Present

The simple present tense is used to express:



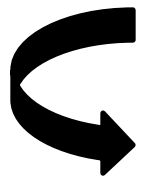
- A general habit.

I drink a cup of coffee every morning.



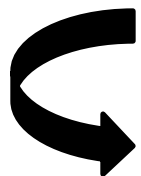
- A fact.

Water freezes at 0 °C.



- Likes, dislikes and wants.

He doesn't like tomato soup.



- A feeling, perception or state that exists in the present.

Serge has a bad toothache.

Simple Present

Important keywords

- Every day
- Every night
- Every week
- Every month
- Every year
- Every morning



- Always
- Usually
- Often
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

Simple Present

Third-person singular

General rule : add -s to the simple form of the verb.

Play - plays

If the simple form ends with the letters s, z, sh, ch, or x,
add -es:

miss – misses

blitz – blitzes

fix – fixes

watch – watches

finish - finishes

mix - mixes

Simple Present

Third-person singular

Some verbs ending in -y change the -y for -ies :

fly - flies

bury - buries

apply - applies

cry - cries

carry - carries

empty - empties

When the -y is preceded by a vowel, apply to the general rule:

play - plays

enjoy - enjoys

employ - employs

delay - delays

annoy - annoys

destroy - destroys

Affirmative Statements

Examples...

I love chocolate.

He plays hockey every Tuesday.

They need to relax more.

I am 13 years old.

We are good students.

Negative Statements

Examples...

I do not swim well. / I don't swim well.

You do not know the answer.

He does not like rice.

- With the verb *to be*, you do not need the auxiliary.

I am not lucky.

Mark is not in my class.

They are not ready for their English exam.

Questions

Examples...

Do chickens have teeth?

Where does this shirt come from?

Do you like tomato soup?

- With the verb *to be*, you do not need the auxiliary.

Are you ready?

Are they in your Math class?

Is Jack in the computer lab?