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Grammar Reference

Present Simple

Use: Present simple is used for habits or facts.

Example:

David catches the bus to school every Sunday morning. (habit)

They visit Siem Reap province every year. (habit)

The sun rises in the east. (fact)

Use: Present simple is also used to talk about schedules, calendar, or fixed arrangements (present or future).

Example:

The exam begins at 8:00 A.M.

The train leaves at 9:30 tonight.

Form:

Positive form	Negative form	Question	Answer
Sub + verb (simple present)	Sub + do/does + not + verb (base form)	Do/Does + sub + verb (base form)	Yes, sub + do/does No, sub + don't/doesn't
I work You work He works She works It works We work They work	I do not work You do not work He does not work She does not work It does not work We do not work They do not work	Do I work ...? Do you work ...? Does he work ...? Does she work ...? Does it work ...? Do we work ...? Do they work ...?	Yes, you do. /No, you don't. Yes, I do. /No, I don't. Yes, he does. /No, he doesn't. Yes, she does. /No, she doesn't. Yes, it does. /No, it doesn't. Yes, we do. /No, we don't. Yes, they do. /No, they don't.

Notes:

Verbs that end in 'y' often change 'y' to 'ie' before 's':

study studies

marry marries

Verbs that end in 's', 'sh', 'ch', or 'x' often add 'e' before 's'

pass passes

wash washes

teach teaches

WH-question "When"

Use: "When" is used to ask about the time.

Example:

When does the exam begin?

When does the train leave tonight?

Form:

When + do/does + sub + verb (base form) + ...?