

Simple Present Tense

Choose the correct verb from the list below to complete the following sentences. Use the correct form of the simple present tense.

fix stand speak drink eat do wear
have wash make listen buy
take watch brush

1. I _____ breakfast at 7:00 every morning.
2. He always _____ a suit to work.
3. The teacher _____ at the front of the classroom.
4. He _____ his teeth three times a day.
5. We usually _____ our groceries on the weekend.
6. He _____ a meeting every morning.
7. She often _____ chicken for dinner.
8. They _____ the bus to school everyday.
9. We often _____ television in the evenings.
10. He _____ to the radio on his way to work.
11. The teacher _____ three languages.
12. A mechanic _____ cars.
13. She _____ the dishes after dinner.
14. They _____ coffee every morning.

Simple Present Tense in the Negative

Make negative sentences using the correct verbs from the list below.

speak know go need want drink love be
move smoke wear sell have get up serve

Ex. 1. She is Japanese. She doesn't speak French.

1. I _____ any dinner because I am not hungry.
2. Jerry and Beth are strangers. They _____ each other.
3. We _____ to school on the weekend.
4. Mrs. Smith wants a divorce. She _____ her husband anymore.
5. Turtles _____ quickly.
6. Children _____ coffee.
7. You _____ jeans to a wedding.
8. Poor people _____ a lot of money.
9. It's warm today. You _____ to wear a coat.
10. Jessica is very healthy. She _____ cigarettes.
11. The students are from China. They _____ English.
12. The shoe store _____ hats.
13. That restaurant _____ breakfast.
14. The children _____ early on the weekend.

Simple Present Tense – Yes/No Questions

Practice making questions and giving short answers in the simple present tense.

Ex. Do you wake up early every day?

Yes, I do. (I wake up early every day.)

1. _____
_____ (He takes the bus to school.)

2. _____
_____ (They don't live in a big city.)

3. _____
_____ (We like to play tennis.)

4. _____
_____ (They don't watch TV a lot.)

5. _____
_____ (He lives in an apartment.)

6. _____
_____ (The students work hard.)

7. _____
_____ (She doesn't eat in the cafeteria.)

8. _____
_____ (I speak French.)

Simple Present Tense – Information Questions

Use the correct question word (*who, what, where, when, why, how many*) and the simple present tense to make information questions. The underlined words are the answers to the questions.

Ex. Where does he live?

He lives in an apartment on Main Street.

1. _____
They have three children.

2. _____
He speaks four languages.

3. _____
She lives with her roommate.

4. _____
They eat lunch in the cafeteria everyday.

5. _____
I go to bed at 11:00 every night.

6. _____
She doesn't want to go to a movie because she is very tired.

7. _____
They eat eggs for breakfast every day.

8. _____
He wants steak for dinner.

Simple Present Tense and Frequency Adverbs

A. Choose the correct verb from the list below to complete the following sentences. Use the correct form of the simple present tense.

eat / travel / play / listen to / help / shop / drink / rain / take / do

1. I never _____ coffee before I go to bed.
2. She always _____ her mother with the housework.
3. Her husband never _____ the laundry.
4. They usually _____ the bus to school.
5. We seldom _____ dinner in a restaurant.
6. They rarely _____ to different countries.
7. She usually _____ at the supermarket near her home.
8. We sometimes _____ cards on the weekend.
9. It often _____ in April.
10. Teenagers seldom _____ their parents.

B. Write sentences about yourself using each of the frequency adverbs below.

always / usually / often / sometimes / seldom / rarely / never

1. I always _____.
2. I usually _____.
3. I often _____.
4. I sometimes _____.
5. I seldom _____.
6. I rarely _____.
7. I never _____.

Present Progressive (Present Continuous) Tense

Choose the correct verb from the list below to complete the following sentences. Use the correct form of the present progressive tense.

wear / study / sneeze / listen / rain / fix / dance /
eat / read / shine / buy / make / wash / fly / sleep

1. It is a beautiful day. The sun _____.
2. Mother is busy now. She _____ dinner.
3. Father is in the garage. He _____ the car.
4. The students are in the classroom. They _____ to their teacher.
5. The baby is in her crib. She _____.
6. Ellie is in her bedroom. She _____ for her exam.
7. Claire and Bob are at a party. They _____.
8. You should take your umbrella. It _____.
9. Anna is going to a wedding. She _____ a beautiful dress.
10. The floor is dirty. Andrea _____ it.
11. Mark is at the supermarket. He _____ groceries.
12. It is 12:00. The children _____ lunch.
13. Brenda has a bad cold. She _____.
14. The students are in the library. They _____.
15. The pilot _____ his airplane.

Present Progressive Tense – Negative and Affirmative

Choose the correct verb from the list below to complete the following sentences. First use the negative form, then the affirmative.

drink / go / wash / play / cook / study / listen / write
smoke / drive / speak / watch

Ex. Mary isn't wearing a blue dress. She's wearing a black dress.

1. Peter _____ mathematics. He _____ history.
2. The boys _____ soccer. They _____ hockey.
3. I _____ coffee. I _____ tea.
4. She _____ a letter to her grandmother. She _____ a letter to her aunt.
5. We _____ a new car. We _____ a used car.
6. I _____ fish for dinner. I _____ steak.
7. She _____ sports on TV. She _____ a movie.
8. The tourists _____ Chinese. They _____ Japanese.
9. He _____ a cigarette. He _____ a pipe.
10. She _____ the dishes. She _____ the clothes.
11. They _____ to classical music. They _____ to rock music.
12. We _____ to Hawaii for our vacation. We _____ to Mexico.

Answers

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1. eat 2. wears 3. stands 4. brushes 5. buy 6. has 7. eats 8. take 9. watch 10. listens 11. speaks 12. fixes 13. washes 14. drink

1. don't want 2. don't know 3. don't go 4. doesn't love 5. don't move 6. don't drink 7. don't wear 8. don't have 9. don't need/have 10. doesn't smoke 11. don't speak 12. doesn't sell 13. doesn't serve 14. don't get up

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1. Does he take the bus to school? Yes, he does. 2. Do they live in a big city? No, they don't. 3. Do you like to play tennis? Yes, we do. 4. Do they watch TV a lot? Yes, they do. 5. Does he live in an apartment? Yes, he does. 6. Do the students work hard? Yes, they do. 7. Does she eat in the cafeteria? No, she doesn't. 8. Do you speak French? Yes, I do.

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1. How many children do they have? 2. How many languages does he speak? 3. Who does she live with? 4. Where do they eat lunch? 5. What time do they go to bed? 6. Why doesn't she want to go to a movie? 7. What do they eat for breakfast? What does he want for dinner?

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1. drink 2. helps 3. does 4. takes 5. eat 6. travel 7. shops 8. play 9. rains 10. listen to

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1. is shining 2. is making 3. is fixing 4. are listening 5. is sleeping 6. is studying 7. are dancing 8. is raining 9. is wearing 10. is washing 11. is buying 12. are eating 13. is sneezing 14. are reading 15. is flying

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1. isn't studying / is studying 2. aren't playing / are playing 3. am not drinking / am drinking 4. isn't writing / is writing 5. aren't driving / are driving 6. am not cooking / am cooking 7. isn't watching / is watching 8. aren't speaking / are speaking 9. isn't smoking / is smoking 10. isn't washing / is washing 11. aren't listening / are listening 12. aren't going / are going