



Useful Grammar Points 2

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Grammar Notes

Simple Present Tense & Simple Past Tense

We use the **simple present tense** to talk about things that are always true. We also use it to talk about people's habits and preferences.

Jasper	is	my cousin.
Matt always	does	puzzles.
Polly	does not / doesn't like	cats.

Grammar Tip

We often use the simple present tense with **adverbs of frequency**, such as 'always', 'sometimes' and 'never', when talking about people's habits.

We use the **simple past tense** to talk about things that happened in the past or things that were true in the past.

She	made	a meal yesterday.
We	were	in the volleyball team two years ago.
Emma	did not / didn't visit	her grandparents last month.



Common Errors

- ✓ We **usually go** to school on foot. But **yesterday**, we **took** a taxi.
- ✗ We **usually went** to school on foot.

- Jess usually watches / watched TV at eight o'clock.
- Last night, the children are / were sick.

A Put a tick (✓) in the box next to each correct sentence.

- Lucas never buys chocolate because it is too sweet for him.
- Max is my pet. It always ran fast.
- Dad bought some eggs and cheese from the supermarket yesterday.
- Carl liked eating junk food in the past, but he ate more fruit and vegetables now.
- Ellie makes desserts and writes stories every week.
- Kenny learnt to play the violin three years ago. Now, he plays it well.
- John does not swim with his friends yesterday. He never goes to the beach.



B Complete the article with the correct form of the given verbs.

My good friends at school



Lucas is my best friend. I first ① _____ (meet) him three years ago. He ② _____ (not be) very outgoing at that time. Now, he talks all the time and ③ _____ (have) many friends. He always ④ _____ (wear) a panda hat because he thinks it looks funny.

Dan is tall and thin. He ⑤ _____ (live) in Australia when he was small. He moved to Hong Kong three years ago. He ⑥ _____ (be) always good at playing football. He ⑦ _____ (join) the school's football team last year. He sometimes ⑧ _____ (invite) me to play football with him.



 Hint: Q5

Does Dan live in Australia now?



Polly is a very clever girl. She is the class monitress. She often ⑨ _____ (get) high scores in exams and tests. She always ⑩ _____ (help) us with our homework. Last weekend, she and Lucas ⑪ _____ (come) over to my house to play card games and do jigsaw puzzles together. We all ⑫ _____ (have) so much fun!

John is a chubby boy. He ⑬ _____ (enjoy) eating hamburgers, French fries and honey chicken wings all the time. He ⑭ _____ (not like) doing sports in the past. But now, he sometimes ⑮ _____ (go) swimming with me because he wants to keep fit and lose weight.

