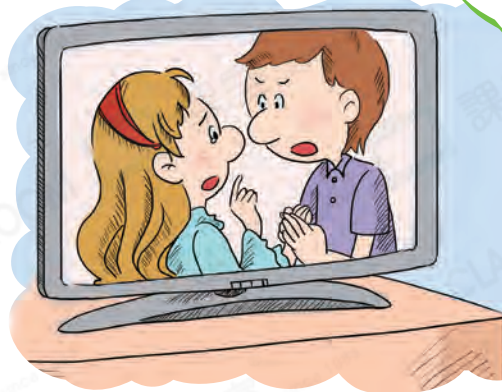


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The simple present



Amy, **do** you **like** the Korean drama *Love is in the Air*? I **watch** it every night because it **is** romantic!



Usage

We use the simple present tense to talk about:

1. a fact. **e.g.** *The sun rises in the east.*
2. a habit. **e.g.** *I go to bed at ten thirty every day.*
3. an opinion. **e.g.** *My mum enjoys cooking very much.*



Part 1 Verb to be

We form statements in the simple present tense with the verb *to be* (*is / am / are*) in the following ways:

Positive statement			Negative statement		
I	am / 'm	hungry.	I	am not / 'm not	hungry.
You / We / They	are / 're		You / We / They	are not / aren't	
He / She / It	is / 's		He / She / It	is not / isn't	

Exercise 1

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb 'to be'.

1. I am not / 'm not a TV lover. I _____ a big fan of films.
2. I _____ cold. I want to drink hot chocolate.
3. The Big Buddha is not on Hong Kong Island. It _____ on Lantau Island.
4. Bella and Don _____ twins. Don is one year older than Bella.
5. Winter in Australia _____ in December. It is around June.





Part 2 Verb to have

We form statements in the simple present tense with the verb *to have* (*have / has*) in the following ways:

Positive statement		
I / You / We / They	have	a cat.
He / She / It	has	

Negative statement		
I / You / We / They	do not have / don't have	a cat.
He / She / It	does not have / doesn't have	

Exercise 2

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb 'to have'.

- I do not have / don't have an oven at home. I cannot bake any cakes.
- George _____ a new **gadget**. He likes it.
- Flora _____ any brothers or sisters. She is an only child.
- I _____ a black and green dress. It is stylish.
- My sisters are free this Monday. They _____ piano lessons.
- Mrs Smith _____ a stomachache because she has eaten some **expired** food.
- The beggar _____ enough money to buy food.



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We can't put *not* after *have / has* to form negative statements in the simple present tense:

✗ *I have not a puppy. I have a kitten.*

✓ *I do not have a puppy. I have a kitten.*



Vocabulary:

gadget (n.): a small tool that does something useful

expired (adj.): having passed the last date that a product is supposed to be used



Part 3 Other Verbs

We form statements in the simple present tense with verbs other than the verb *to be* and the verb *to have* in the following ways:

Positive statement		
I / You / We / They	climb	a tree.
He / She / It	climbs	

Negative statement		
I / You / We / They	do not climb / don't climb	a tree.
He / She / It	does not climb / doesn't climb	

Exercise 3.1

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given. Each verb can be used **ONCE** only.

not drink pay not like play
not sleep spend help not chat

- Frankie likes doing sports. He _____ tennis every day.
- I _____ chicken curry. It is too spicy for me.
- Diana _____ coffee in the morning. She only drinks tea.
- My sister and I _____ in a house when camping. We sleep in a tent.
- Cindy is a good girl. She _____ a lot of time studying. At weekends, she _____ her mum with her housework.
- Amy and Mark _____ with others during lessons. They _____ attention to the teachers all the time.



We form the third person singular in the following ways:

Verb	Change	Example
Most verbs	+ s	buy → buy s run → run s
Verbs ending in a consonant and -y	y + ies	fly → flies copy → copies
Verbs ending in -o, -x, -sh, -ch and -ss	+ es	go → goes kiss → kisses

e.g. A big bird **flies** in the sky.



Exercise 3.2

Circle the third person singular forms of the verbs in the wordsearch.

U	Z	D	C	M	I	O	Q	W
N	G	K	R	S	I	P	E	J
D	D	O	I	X	R	X	F	A
O	Y	T	E	A	C	H	E	S
E	C	L	S	S	V	B	N	S
S	B	R	U	S	H	E	S	C
P	O	S	S	E	S	S	E	S

undo
cry
go
brush
mix
possess
teach



Part 4 Adverbs and Expressions of Frequency

We use the following adverbs and expressions of frequency to talk about **how often** something happens:

Adverb of frequency					
100%					0%
Most frequent	—————→				Least frequent
always	usually	often	sometimes	rarely / seldom	never

e.g. I always go to school by bus.

Expression of frequency			
every year	once a day	twice a week	three times a month

e.g. Daisy brushes her teeth **every day**.

Exercise 4

Circle the correct words in brackets.

- Mandy is a lazy girl. She (never / always) studies hard for the exams.
- I don't like cheese, so I (usually / rarely) put cheese in my sandwich.
- Sally is interested in painting. She paints (once a year / twice a week).
- Eric works overseas. He meets his family only (once a year / every week).
- We celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival (three times a month / every year).
- Annie is my best friend. When I need her, she is (always / sometimes) by my side.



Part 5 Yes / No-questions

We form *yes / no*-questions and short answers in the simple present tense with the verb *to be* in the following ways:

Question		
Am	I	hungry?
Are	you / we / they	
Is	he / she / it	

Short answer		
Yes,	I	am.
	you / we / they	are.
	he / she / it	is.
No,	I	am not / 'm not.
	you / we / they	are not / aren't.
	he / she / it	is not / isn't.

Exercise 5.1

Complete the questions and answers with the correct form of the verb 'to be'.

- A: Are the children happy? B: Yes, they are.
- A: _____ it your parcel? B: No, _____.
- A: _____ Jason a famous guitarist? B: Yes, _____.
- A: _____ Linda and Benny in the library? B: No, _____.
- A: _____ I wrong? B: No, _____.
- A: _____ you interested in science? B: Yes, _____.



We form *yes / no*-questions and short answers in the simple present tense with verbs other than the verb *to be* in the following ways:

Question		
Do	I / you / we / they	drink milk?
Does	he / she / it	

Short answer		
Yes,	I / you / we / they	do.
	he / she / it	does.
No,	I / you / we / they	do not / don't.
	he / she / it	does not / doesn't.

Exercise 5.2

Complete the questions and answers with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- A: Does your father get (get) up early? B: Yes, he does.
- A: _____ you _____ (go) to school by bus? B: No, _____.
- A: _____ (be) your sister a good cook? B: Yes, _____.
- A: _____ the boys _____ (play) tennis every day? B: Yes, _____.
- A: _____ (be) Mary and Sam close friends? B: No, _____.
- A: _____ John _____ (have) milk for breakfast? B: No, _____.

Unit Recap

Gill is writing a blog entry about herself. Complete the blog entry with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

http://www.blogwizard.com/gillliu

GILL'S SHARING WORLD

A New Start and A Big Hello! 25 Sept, 20XX

Finally, I (1) have (have) a blog now! Let me start by introducing myself. I (2) _____ (be) Gill. I (3) _____ (study) in Lee Hui College.

I (4) _____ (have) a twin brother called Sean. You may ask, '(5) _____ he _____ (look) like you?' Yes, he does but we (6) _____ (not share) the same hobbies. I usually spend my time outdoors while he always (7) _____ (watch) TV at home.

It's late now. I've got to go to bed. I will talk more about myself tomorrow. Please feel free to leave comments!

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