

Simple present tense

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Make the Present Simple Tense: Structure: subject+auxiliary verb+ main verb+object do base There are three important exceptions: For positive sentences, we do not normally use the auxiliary. For the 3rd person singular (he, she, it), we add " s" to the main verb or " es" to the auxiliary. For the verb to be, we do not use an auxiliary, even for questions and negatives. Only for interrogative and negative sentence we use auxiliary verb.

Example : Look at these examples with the main verb like: subject auxiliary verb main verb + I, you, we, they like coffee. He, she, it likes coffee. - I, you, we, they do not like coffee. He, she, it does not like coffee. ? Do I, you, we, they like coffee? Does he, she, it like coffee? Look at these examples with the main verb be. Notice that there is no auxiliary: subject main verb + I am French. You, we, they are French. He, she, it is French. - I am not old. You, we, they are not old. He, she, it is not old. ? Am I late? Are you, we, they late? Is he, she, it late? Use the Present Simple Tense: We use the present simple tense when: the action is general the action happens all the time, or habitually, in the past, present and future the action is not only happening now the statement is always true John drives a taxi. past present future

_____ It is John's job to drive a taxi. He does it every day. Past, present and future. Look at these examples: I live in New York. The Moon goes round the Earth. John drives a taxi. He does not drive a bus. We meet every Thursday. We do not work at night. Do you play football? Note that with the verb to be, we can also use the present simple tense for situations that are not general. We can use the present simple tense to talk about now. Look at these examples of the verb " to be" in the present simple tense - some of them are general, some of them are now: Am

I right? Tara is not at home. You are happy. past present future

_____ The situation is now. I am not fat.

Why are you so beautiful? Ram is tall. past present future

_____ The situation is general. Past,

present and future. Tips: This page shows the use of the present simple

tense to talk about general events. But note that there are some other uses

for the present simple tense, for example in conditional or if sentences, or to

talk about the future. You will learn about those later.