

Present simple

Affirmative		Negative			Interrogative		
I	like	I	don't	like	Do	I	like?
You		You				you	
He		He				he	
She	likes	She	doesn't		Does	she	
It		It				it	
We		We		like		we	
You	like	You	don't		Do	you	
They		They				they	

3rd person singular (spelling changes):

- Verbs ending in -ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o, add -es (e.g. dresses, fishes, catches, fixes, goes);
- Verbs ending in vowel + -y, add -s (e.g. says);
- Verbs ending in consonant + -y, take out the -y and add -ies. (e.g. tries).

USE – We use the present simple for:

1. repeated actions or routines
e.g. I **take** the bus to school every day.
On Saturdays, I **wake up** at 10.00 a.m.
2. states, facts and things that are true
e.g. My brother **lives** in Australia.
The planets **move** around the stars.
3. thoughts and feelings
e.g. I **don't like** getting up early.
I **think** this school year will be good.
4. schedules and timetables
e.g. Lessons **start** at 8.25 a.m.
The bus **leaves** at 8.00 p.m.

Complete the text about Karl's school day. Put the verbs in the present simple.

"I have to get up early, because school **starts** (start) at a quarter to eight.

We (1) _____ (be) five pupils and one teacher, Tina. The first class we (2) _____ (have) on Monday is PE: we either (3) _____ (go) jogging or (4) _____ (do) gymnastics. Then we have maths, German, history and English. Like most German schoolchildren, we (5) _____ (not wear) uniforms at school.

Because we are all of different ages, our teacher (6) _____ (give) us different tasks to get on with. If I (7) _____ (have) a problem, I clip a clothes peg to my jumper, and when Tina sees it she (8) _____ (come) over to help. That way I (9) _____ (not disturb) the others by shouting her name.

At a quarter to twelve it's break time: we all (10) _____ (go) home for a late breakfast, for half an hour. After the break we do subjects which we can all do together, like art or ICT. We also (11) _____ (use) the computer to learn English or to do research. School (12) _____ (finish) at 2 p.m. when we all go home for lunch."

Complete the gaps with the the Present Simple.

- a. Jim _____ (not / get up) early every day.
- b. He _____ (have) a shower in the morning.
- c. He _____ (brush) his hair and then _____ (eat) breakfast.
- d. Jim and I _____ (not / walk) to school. We _____ (go) by bus.
- e. They _____ (not / play) computer games before bed.
They _____ (go) to bed early.
- f. I _____ (not / watch) TV before dinner.
I _____ (study) for school.

Write the sentences in the Present Simple in the interrogative form. There is one example.

I eat lunch in the canteen. Do you eat lunch in the canteen?

- a. You play basketball.
_____?
- b. My mother washes her hair every day.
_____?
- c. They watch TV after school.
_____?
- d. We are English.
_____?
- e. He speaks three languages.
_____?