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VERB TENSES

GENERAL REVIEW
SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

The simple present tense is conjugated as follows:

I work
you work
he works
she works
it works

We use the simple present tense to describe an action which goes on every day or all the time.

We form simple present tense questions by placing do or does before the subject.

do I study
do you study
does he study
does she study
does it study

We form simple present tense questions by placing do or does before the subject. This applies even when the question begins with words like where, why, how, and what.

He lives alone.
Does he live alone?
Why does he live alone?

We form the negative of the simple present tense by putting do or does not before the verb. Note that after does not, the verb does not have the s of the third person singular affirmative statement.

I do not know
you do not know
he does not know
she does not know
it does not know

The contracted forms don't and doesn't are generally used.
EXERCISES:

1. Supply the correct present tense form of the verb in parentheses.
   1. John (go) there twice a week.
   2. Helen (do) the work of two people.
   3. I always (try) to arrive everywhere on time.
   4. George always (try) to do the same thing.
   5. The teacher (wish) to speak with you.
   6. Mr. Walker (teach) English and mathematics.
   7. They (go) to the movies twice a week.
   8. We (watch) television every night.
   9. Mary (play) the piano very well.
  10. He (study) in the same class as I.
  11. The nurse (watch) the child in the park.
  12. The mother (kiss) both boys good-bye every morning.
  13. I (catch) cold very often.
  14. Helen also (catch) cold very often.
  15. He (do) everything that she asks.
  16. He (carry) the books in a briefcase.

2. Supply the correct present tense form of the verb in parentheses.
   1. He (read) the newspaper in class every day.
   2. He (come) to school by bus.
   3. I always (walk) to school.
   4. The children (play) in the park every afternoon.
   5. I (eat) lunch in the cafeteria every day.
   6. Helen (work) very hard.
   7. (Like) to sit in the sun.
   8. The dog (chase) the cat all around the house.
   9. Mr. Smith (work) for Eastern Airlines.
  10. Helen generally (sit) at this desk.
11. We always (play) tennis on Saturdays.
12. He always (prepare) his homework carefully.
13. They (eat) lunch together every day.
14. Some girls (use) too much make-up.
15. They (take) a lot of trips together.
16. We always (travel) by car.
17. He (speak) several foreign languages.

3. Change the following sentences so that they begin with I instead of He.

1. I like to study.
   (He likes to study)
2. I work hard.
3. I'm a good student.
4. I own a car.
5. I'm an American.
6. I enjoy each English class.
7. I want to learn English.
8. I have a new wristwatch.
9. I speak English.
10. I wish to learn English.
11. I watch television every night.
12. I pass Mr. Smith on the street every day.
13. I always go to school by bus.
14. I try to learn ten new words every day.
15. I do a lot of favors for John.
16. I play the violin very well.
17. I have two brothers and two sisters.
18. I always sit at this desk.
19. I write the new words on the blackboard.
20. I study English three times a week.
17. Where ______ John go every day after the lesson?
18. Where ______ you eat lunch every day?
19. What ______ you generally do over the weekend?
20. Which movie star ______ you like best?
21. Why ______ Helen want to study Russian?
22. How often ______ you go for a walk in the park?

6. Change the following sentences to questions beginning with the question word in parentheses.
1. They live in London. (Where)
   (Where do they live?)
2. The lesson begins at eight o'clock. (What time)
3. They get home at six o'clock every night. (What time)
4. She speaks French very well. (How well)
5. Those books cost one dollar. (How much)
6. They travel by train. (How)
7. He comes here once a week. (How often)
8. She feels well today. (How)
9. She wants to learn English in order to get a better job. (Why)
10. They meet at the corner every morning. (Where)
11. We go to the movies twice a week. (How often)
12. He goes to the park after the lesson. (Where)
13. We learn ten new words every day. (How many)
14. They eat lunch in the cafeteria. (Where)
15. This book belongs to her. (To whom)
16. The class meets in Room 10. (In which room)
17. She teaches us grammar. (What)
18. It rains in the spring. (When)
19. He gets up at seven o'clock every morning. (What time)