BASIC English Grammar

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CHAPTER 3
Using the Simple Present

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3-1 FORM AND BASIC MEANING OF THE SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

She walks.

3-1 FORM AND BASIC MEANING OF THE SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

	SINGULAR	PLURAL
1st PERSON	**I *walk***	**we *walk***
2nd PERSON	**you *walk***	**you *walk***
3rd PERSON	**she *walk*s**	**they *walk***
	he *walk*s	
	it *walk*s	

3-1 FORM AND BASIC MEANING OF THE SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

(a) I ***eat*** lunch **every afternoon**.
(b) Max ***drives*** to work **every day**.
(c) We ***get up*** **every morning**.
(d) Kyle ***calls*** Mimi **every weekend**.

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

HABITS = USUAL ACTIVITIES

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

We watch television every day.

watch watches

He watches television every day.

watch watches

We _eat_ lunch at 12:00.

eat eats

Jara takes a walk in the morning.

take ↑ takes

My friend rides her horse every day.

ride ↑ rides

They always drink tea with lunch.

100%	(a) **Mary *always* eats** lunch at school.
90%- 99%	(b) **Mary *usually* eats** lunch at school.
75%- 90%	(c) **Josh *often* eats** hamburgers.
25%- 75%	(d) **Tia *sometimes* eats** lunch at school.
5%- 10%	(e) **Tia *seldom* eats** lunch at school.
1%- 10%	(f) **Eva *rarely* washes** her car.
0%	(g) **Jay *never* goes** to the zoo.

frequency adverbs

Talia _always_ feeds her dog.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
√	√	√	√	√	√	√

always
usually
often
sometimes
seldom
rarely
never

Jara <u>seldom</u> watches TV.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
						√

always
usually
often
sometimes
seldom
rarely
never

Luke _usually_ cooks dinner.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
√	√	√	√	√		√

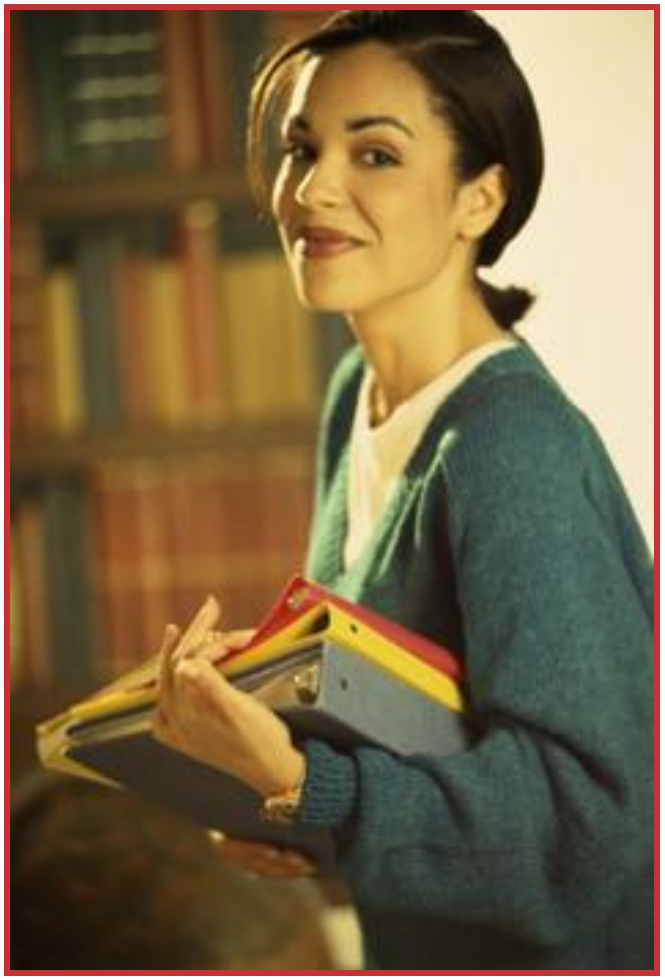
always
usually
often
sometimes
seldom
rarely
never

Moussad <u>sometimes</u> cooks dinner.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
√			√	√		√

always
usually
often
sometimes
seldom
rarely
never

She goes to the library once a week.



(a) She goes to the library { **once *a week*.** / **twice *a week*.** / **five times *a week*.**

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	√	√	√	√		√

(b) I go to school five times ***a week***.

(c) I go to the movies twice ***a month***.

(d) I go to the beach once ***a year***.

how many times

a day ***a week***

a month ***a year***

(e) I feed my dog every ***morning***.

I ride my horse every ***week***.

I wash my car every ***year***.

Every is singular.

Correct? no

every ***weeks***

How often do you drink coffee?

Every morning.

So you always drink coffee?

Yes.

always
usually
often
sometimes
seldom
rarely
never

Mei doesn't drink coffee.

I know. She never drinks coffee.

always
usually
often
sometimes
seldom
rarely
never

Does Dr. Aboud take a walk every day?

No. He walks five or six days a week.

Five or six times a week?

Yes, he often takes a walk.

always
usually
often
sometimes
seldom
rarely
never

Jeff is always dirty.

3-3 POSITION OF FREQUENCY ADVERBS

SUBJECT + ***BE*** + FREQUENCY ADVERB

Jeff + ***is*** + ***sometimes*** dirty.

am
is + FREQUENCY ADVERB
are

3-3 POSITION OF FREQUENCY ADVERBS

SUBJECT	+	FREQUENCY ADVERB	+	OTHER SIMPLE PRESENT VERBS
Sergio	+	***sometimes***	+	***rides*** a bike.

frequency adverb + **all simple present verbs except *be***

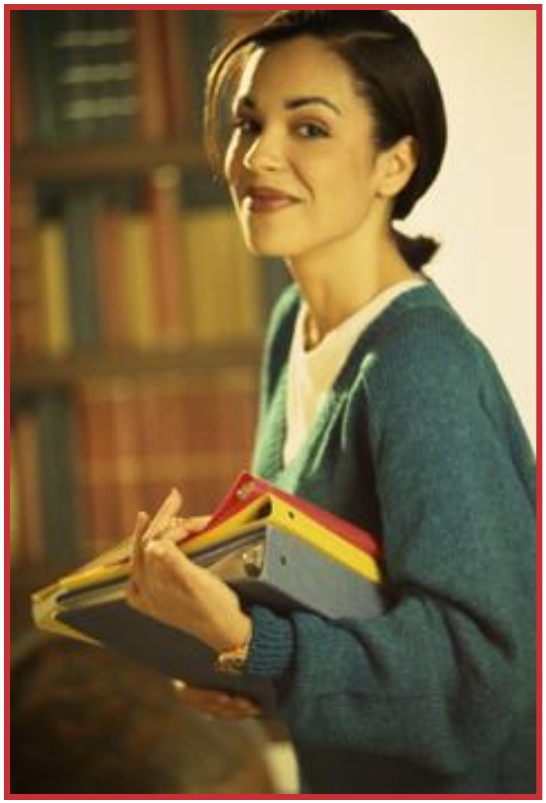
He is tired. **usually**

_____

Jeff is sad. **never**

_____

Lucy reads at the library. **often**



It rains in the desert. **rarely**

Gerardo teaches math.

3-4 SPELLING AND PRONUNCIATION OF FINAL *-ES*

	SPELLING	PRONUNCIATION
-sh	(a) push → *pushes*	*push* ***/əz/***
-ch	(b) teach → *teaches*	*teach* ***/əz/***
-ss	(c) kiss → *kisses*	*kiss* ***/əz/***
-x	(d) fix → *fixes*	*fix* ***/əz/***

endings

add ***-es***

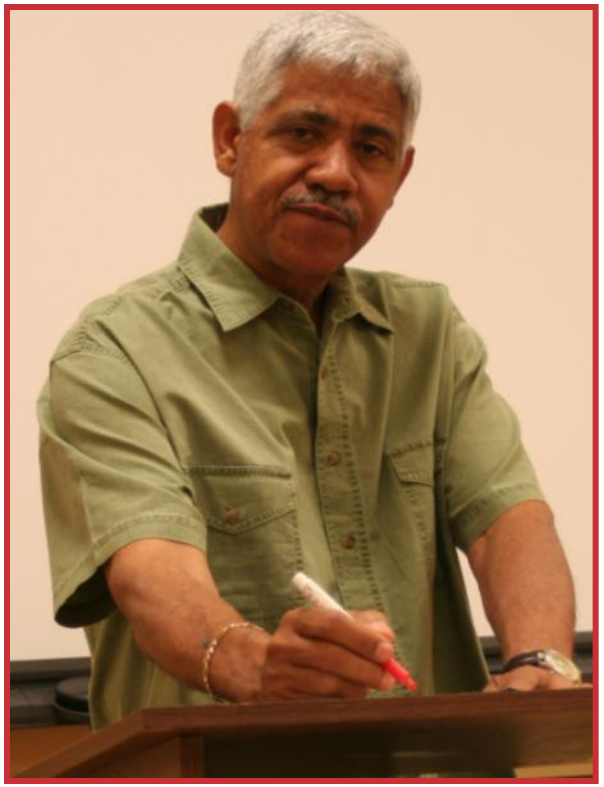
say ***/əz/***

miss

Seung never misses his TV program.

teach

Gerardo teaches math.

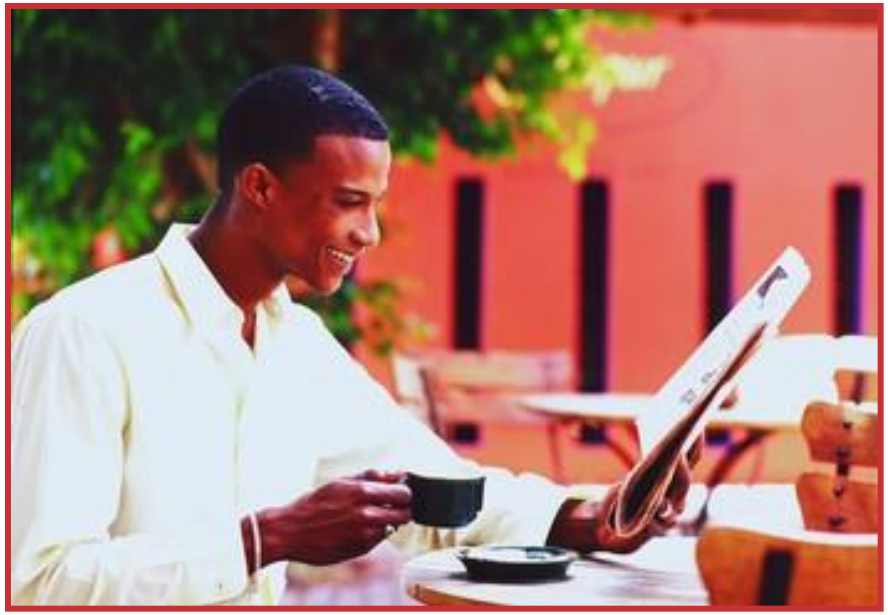


wash

Viktor always washes his car.

mix

Ade usually mixes sugar in his coffee.



The baby cries a lot.

3-5 ADDING FINAL *-S* / *-ES* TO WORDS THAT END IN *-Y*

(a) *cry* → *cries*

fly → *flies*

consonant + ***-y***

change ***y*** to ***i***, add ***-es***

(b) *pay* → *pays*

enjoy → *enjoys*

vowel + ***-y***

add ***-s***

buy often

Gazi often buys too many things.

say always

She always says nice things.

worry often

Her father often worries about her.

The man has a brown coat.

3-6 IRREGULAR SINGULAR VERBS: *HAS*, *DOES*, *GOES*

(a) I ***have*** a hat.

(b) She ***has*** a hat.

Irregular forms:

she, *he*, *it* + ***has***

have → has

(c) I ***do*** exercises.

(d) He ***does*** exercises.

she, *he*, *it* + ***does***

do → does

(e) We ***go*** to the gym.

(f) He ***goes*** to the gym.

she, *he*, *it* + ***goes***

go → goes

do does

George does yoga every day.

go goes

Zhou-li goes for a walk on Sunday.

have has

She always _has_ homework.

I like to run.

VERB + INFINITIVE

I like to run. It's fun.

She wants to go home. She's tired.

We need to call our mother.

She's sick.

They do not wash their car.

(a) I / We / You / They *do not* drink milk.

NEGATIVE:

I
We
You
They

+ ***do not*** + main verb

(b) She / He / It *does not* drink milk.

She
He
It

+ ***does not*** + main verb

(a) **I** *do not* drink milk.

(b) **She** *does* not drink milk.

do and ***does*** = helping verbs

She *does not* drink~~s~~ milk. **?**

3rd person singular → no ***-s*** on main verb

(c) I ***don't*** drink milk.
They ***don't*** go to the lake.

(d) He ***doesn't*** drink milk.
Jack ***doesn't*** like dogs.

CONTRACTIONS:

do not* = *don't

does not* = *doesn't

smile not

This child doesn't smile .

(use the contraction)

We don't like snakes.

(use the contraction)

like not

Magda doesn't speak Dutch.

(use the contraction)

speak not

don't
doesn't

feed
jump
run
speak

Sometimes I don't feed my cat.

My husband feeds her.

don't
doesn't

sit
need
like
run

She doesn't run fast at the gym.

She gets tired.

don't
doesn't

feed
jump
need
eat

They are good cooks.

They don't need help.

Does he exercise?

3-9 SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE: YES/NO QUESTIONS

DO/ DOES	+ SUBJECT +	MAIN VERB
(d) Do	they	like

QUESTION FORMS, SIMPLE PRESENT

Do they + main verb (simple form)

3-9 SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE: YES/NO QUESTIONS

DO/ DOES + SUBJECT + MAIN VERB

(f) **Does** *she* **like** spaghetti?

QUESTION FORMS, SIMPLE PRESENT

Does *she* + *main verb* (simple form)

(h) ***Are you*** a student?

NOT: *Do you **be** a student?*

main verb = a form of ***be***

QUESTION	SHORT ANSWER
(i) *Do* you *like* ice cream?	Yes, I ***do***. No, I ***don't***.
(j) *Does* Max *like* ice cream?	Yes, he ***does***. No, he ***doesn't***.

Question

Do you like to ride horses?

Short Answer

Yes, I do.

Long Answer

I like to ride horses.

Question

Do they have a baby?

Short Answer

Yes, they do.

Long Answer

They have a baby.

Question

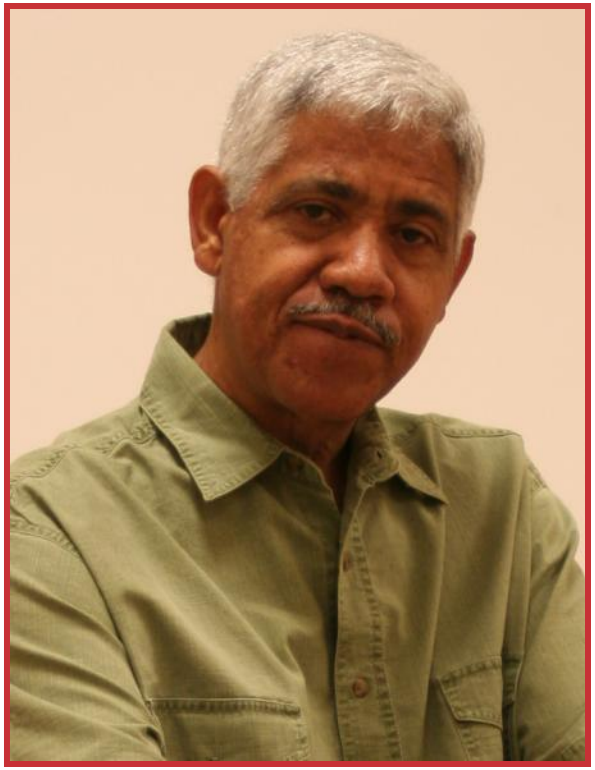
Does Gerardo teach math?

Short Answer

Yes, he does.

Long Answer

Gerardo teaches math.



Question

Do cows bark?

Short Answer

No, they don't.

Long Answer

Cows don't bark.

3-10 SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE: ASKING INFORMATION QUESTIONS WITH *WHERE* AND *WHAT*

Where do they live?

Do they live in Baltimore?

What do they study?

Do they study English?

3-10 SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE: ASKING INFORMATION QUESTIONS WITH *WHERE* AND *WHAT*

QUESTION	SHORT ANSWER
(a) ***Do*** they ***live*** in Baltimore?	***Yes***, they do. ***No***, they don't.
(b) ***Where do*** they ***live***?	***In Baltimore***.

3-10 SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE: ASKING INFORMATION QUESTIONS WITH *WHERE* AND *WHAT*

QUESTION	SHORT ANSWER
(a) ***Do*** they ***study*** English?	***Yes***, they do. ***No***, they don't.
(b) ***What do*** they ***study***?	***English***.

3-10 SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE: ASKING INFORMATION QUESTIONS WITH *WHERE* AND *WHAT*

QUESTION	SHORT ANSWER
(a) ***Does*** Allison ***teach*** math?	***Yes***, she does. ***No***, she doesn't.
(b) ***What does*** she ***teach***?	***Math***.

3-10 SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE: ASKING INFORMATION QUESTIONS WITH *WHERE* AND *WHAT*

QUESTION	SHORT ANSWER
(c) ***Does*** Alexi ***live*** in Moscow?	***Yes,*** he does. ***No,*** he doesn't.
(d) ***Where does*** he ***live***?	***In Moscow.***

3-10 SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE: ASKING INFORMATION QUESTIONS WITH *WHERE* AND *WHAT*

(WHERE) + *DO/DOES* + SUBJECT + **MAIN VERB**

(a) ***Do*** they ***live*** in Baltimore**?**

(b) ***Where*** ***do*** they ***live*** **?**

(c) ***Does*** Alexi ***live*** in Moscow**?**

(d) ***Where*** ***does*** he ***live*** **?**

3-10 SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE: ASKING INFORMATION QUESTIONS WITH *WHERE* AND *WHAT*

(WHAT) + *DO/DOES* + SUBJECT + **MAIN VERB**

(a) ***Do*** they ***study*** English?

(b) ***What*** ***do*** they ***study*** **?**

(c) ***Does*** Allison ***teach*** math?

(d) ***What*** ***does*** she ***teach*** **?**

Question: Does the child have a toothbrush?

Answer: Yes, he does.

(The child has a toothbrush.)

Question: Where does he brush his teeth?

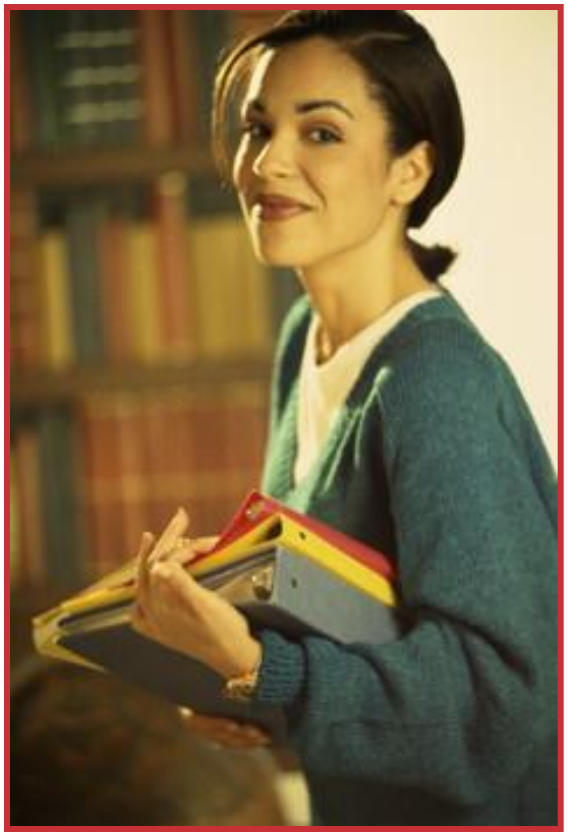
Answer: In the bathroom.

(He brushes his teeth in the bathroom.)

Question: Does Lucy work at the library?

Answer: Yes, she does.

(Lucy works at the library.)



3-11 SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE: ASKING INFORMATION QUESTIONS WITH *WHEN* AND *WHAT TIME*

When do you go shopping?

What time do you go shopping?

3-11 SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE: ASKING INFORMATION QUESTIONS WITH *WHEN* AND *WHAT TIME*

Q-WORD	+	*DO/ DOES*	+ SUBJECT	+ MAIN VERB

(a) ***When*** do you go to work?

At eight o'clock.

(b) ***What time*** do you go to work?

At eight o'clock.

3-11 SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE: ASKING INFORMATION QUESTIONS WITH *WHEN* AND *WHAT TIME*

Q-WORD +	*DO/ DOES* +	SUBJECT +	MAIN VERB

(c) ***When*** does he exercise?

At ten o'clock.

(d) ***What time*** does he exercise?

At ten o'clock.

3-11 SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE: ASKING INFORMATION QUESTIONS WITH *WHEN* AND *WHAT TIME*

Q-WORD	+	*DO/ DOES*	+	SUBJECT	+	MAIN VERB

(e) ***What time*** do **you *usually*** go to class?

subject + ***frequency adverb*** + main verb

When (What time) does the pool close?

The pool closes at 6:00 P.M.

When (What time) do you eat lunch?

I eat lunch at 12:00.

When (What time) do you usually go to bed _____?

I usually go to bed at 11:00.

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