

# English Grammar For Second Year Students

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# Unit 2

## Present simple (I do)

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Study this example situation:



Alex is a bus driver, but now he is in bed asleep.  
He is not driving a bus. (He is asleep.)

but He **drives** a bus. (He is a bus driver.)

Drive(s)/work(s)/do(es) etc. is the *present simple*:

I/we/you/they	drive/work/do	etc.
he/she/it	drives/works/does	etc.

# Unit 2: Present simple

There are two forms for the present simple tense :

Base form : write , do, have

S-form : writes ,does, has

<b>I/we/you/they</b>	<b>drive/work/do etc.</b>	<b>Base form</b>
<b>He/she/it</b>	<b>drives/works/does etc.</b>	<b>s-form.</b>

# Examples

I **work** ...      *but*      He **works** ...  
They **teach** ...      *but*      My sister **teaches** ...  
I **have** ....      *but*      He **has** ...  
You **do** ....      *but*      The student **does** ...  
We **watch** ...      *but*      She **watches** ...

# Uses of present simple

The present simple is used to talk about things in general. It is used to say that something happens all the time or repeatedly, or that something is true in general:

- Nurses **look after** patients in hospitals.
- I usually **go** away at weekends.
- The earth **goes** round the sun.
- The cafe **opens** at 7.30 in the morning.



The present simple is used to say how often we do things:

- I **get up** at 8 o'clock **every morning**.
- **How often** do you **go** to the dentist?
- Julie **doesn't drink** tea **very often**.
- Robert usually **goes** away **two or three times a year**.

# I promise / I apologise

**I promise / I apologise etc.**

Sometimes we do things by saying something. For example, when you promise to do something, you can say **I promise ...**; when you suggest something, you can say **I suggest ...** :

**I promise I won't be late. (not I'm promising)**

**What do you suggest I do? I suggest that you ...**

In the same way we say: **I apologise ... / I advise ...  
/ I insist ... / I agree ... / I refuse ... etc.**

# Affirmative , Negative , Interrogative

The auxiliary verbs **do** and **does** are used to make interrogative and negative sentences:

<b>Do</b>	<b>I/we/you/they</b>	<b>work?</b>
<b>Does</b>	<b>he/she/ it</b>	<b>do?</b>

<b>I/we/you/they</b>	<b>don't</b>	<b>work</b>
<b>He/she/it</b>	<b>doesn't</b>	<b>do</b>



# Examples

I **come** from Canada. Where **do you come** from?

I **don't go** away very often.

What **does this word mean?** (not What means this word?)

Rice **doesn't grow** in cold climates.

In the following examples, **do** is also the main verb (**do you do / doesn't do** etc.):

'What **do you do?**' 'I **work** in a shop.'

He is always so lazy. He **doesn't do** anything to help.



# Exercises

2.1 Complete the sentences using the following verbs:

cause(s)   connect(s)   drink(s)   live(s)   open(s)   ~~speaks(s)~~   take(s)

- 1 Tanya speaks German very well.
- 2 I don't often ..... coffee.
- 3 The swimming pool ..... at 7.30 every morning.
- 4 Bad driving ..... many accidents.
- 5 My parents ..... in a very small flat.
- 6 The Olympic Games ..... place every four years.
- 7 The Panama Canal ..... the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

connect

take

live

causes

opens

drink





**2.2** Put the verb into the correct form.

- 1 Julie doesn't drink (not / drink) tea very often.
- 2 What time **do the banks** ..... (the banks / close) here?
- 3 I've got a car, but I **do not use** ..... (not / use) it much.
- 4 'Where **does Ricardo come** ..... (Ricardo / come) from?' 'From Cuba.'
- 5 'What **do you do** ..... (you / do)?' 'I'm an electrician.'
- 6 It **takes** ..... (take) me an hour to get to work. How long **does it take** ..... (it / take) you?
- 7 Look at this sentence. What **does this word mean** ..... (this word / mean)?
- 8 David isn't very fit. He **does not do** ..... (not / do) any sport.



2.3

Use the following verbs to complete the sentences. Sometimes you need the negative:

believe   eat   flow   ~~go~~   ~~grow~~   make   rise   tell   translate

- 1 The earth goes round the sun.
- 2 Rice doesn't grow in Britain.
- 3 The sun rises in the east.
- 4 Bees make honey.
- 5 Vegetarians does not eat meat.
- 6 An atheist does not believe in God.

- 7 An interpreter translates from one language into another.
- 8 Liars are people who do not tell the truth.
- 9 The River Amazon flows into the Atlantic Ocean.



**2.4** You ask Lisa questions about herself and her family. Write the questions.

1 You know that Lisa plays tennis. You want to know how often. Ask her.

How often do you play tennis ?

2 Perhaps Lisa's sister plays tennis too. You want to know. Ask Lisa.

**Does** ..... your sister **play tennis** ..... ?

3 You know that Lisa reads a newspaper every day. You want to know which one. Ask her.

**Which newspaper do you read** ..... ?

4 You know that Lisa's brother works. You want to know what he does. Ask Lisa.

**What does your brother do** ..... ?

5 You know that Lisa goes to the cinema a lot. You want to know how often. Ask her.

**How often do you go to the cinema** ..... ?

6 You don't know where Lisa's grandparents live. You want to know. Ask Lisa.

**Where do your grandparents live** ..... ?

2.5

Complete using the following:

I apologise    I insist    I promise    I recommend    ~~I suggest~~

- 1 Mr Evans is not in the office today. I suggest you try calling him tomorrow.
- 2 I won't tell anybody what you said. ....
- 3 (*in a restaurant*) You must let me pay for the meal. ....
- 4 ..... for what I did. It won't happen again.
- 5 The new restaurant in Hill Street is very good. .... it.

Thank You