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Present simple and continuous exercises _____

● Present simple

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Present simple: exercise 1 - verb to be _____

Complete the sentences with the present simple forms of the verb to be.

A: Where are we now?

B: You just in front of our house.

A: Are you hungry?

B: Yes, I a little bit hungry.

A: Is your sister at school?

B: No, she at school.

A: Where are your parents?

B: My mum and dad at work.

A: Is Peter your friend? And what about Bill?

B: Peter and Bill my best friends.

A: I think these stories are very interesting.

B: Really? The stories interesting at all.

A: How often are you ill?

B: Quite often. I very healthy.

A: Are Susan and Marion good at sport?

B: Well, Susan quite good at athletics, but Marion isn't.

A: Am I the best student in our class?

B: No, you I'm the best.

A: Where are you, Simon?

B: I'm afraid Simon here. He is at the shop.

See the Answer Key on the next page.

Present simple: exercise 1 - verb to be

Answer key

You are (you're) just in front of our house.

Yes, I am (I'm) a little bit hungry.

No, she is not (isn't) at school.

My mum and dad are at work.

Peter and Bill are my best friends.

Really? The stories are not (aren't) interesting at all.

Quite often. I am not (I'm not) very healthy.

Well, Susan is quite good at athletics, but Marion isn't.

No, you are not (aren't). I'm the best.

I'm afraid Simon is not (isn't) here. He is at the shop.

Present simple: exercise 2 - yes/no questions _____

Complete this dialogue with do or does to make present simple questions.

Example:

Sue: My brother Mark goes to primary school.
Ann: (he - get up early?) Does he get up early?

Sue: My brother Mark goes to primary school.

Ann: (he - get up early?)

Sue: Yes, very early. His friends Jim and Kevin travel with him every day.

Ann: (they - travel by bus?)

Sue: Sometimes. On Mondays and Fridays Jim's father takes them by car. He is a teacher.

Ann: (he - teach at the same school?)

Sue: Yes, he does. He teaches English and history.

Ann: (your brother - like English?)

Sue: English is his favourite subject.

Ann: (you - help him with his homework?)

Sue: Never. My brother is the best student in his class.

Ann: (Jim and Kevin - attend the same lessons?)

Sue: No, they don't. They are two years older. But they meet for lunch.

Ann: (Mark - eat at a school canteen?)

Sue: Yes, because our mum and dad don't have the time to prepare his lunch.

Ann: (your parents - go to work?)

Sue: Yes, they do. My mum is a nurse and my dad is a doctor.

Ann: (they - work at a hospital?)

Sue: Only my mum.

Ann: (your brother - want to be a doctor?)

Sue: I don't know. But I want to be a nurse.



See the Answer Key on the next page.

Present simple: exercise 2 - yes/no questions

Answer key

Does he get up early?

Do they travel by bus?

Does he teach at the same school?

Does your brother like English?

Do you help him with his homework?

Do Jim and Kevin attend the same lessons?

Does Mark eat at a school canteen?

Do your parents go to work?

Do they work at a hospital?

Does your brother want to be a doctor?



Present simple: exercise 3 - yes/no questions _____

Find mistakes and correct them. If a question is correct, put a tick next to it.

Examples:

Do your sister plays tennis? - Does your sister play tennis?

Does Sarah learn Spanish? ✓

1. Does your parents live in a house? in a house?

2. Do your brother and sister eat meat? meat?

3. Does Sam works on a computer? on a computer?

4. Do you think she is your best friend? your best friend?

5. Do she thinks you are her best friend? her best friend?

6. Do Jill's cat catch mice at night? mice at night?

7. Does Claire and Brad help in the garden? help in the garden?

8. Do Tim's dogs eat bones? bones?

9. Does her classmates do their homework? their homework?

10. Does your uncle and aunt watch football on TV? football on TV?

11. Do Mike's friend speaks English? English?

12. Do lions live in India? in India?

See the Answer Key on the next page.

Present simple: exercise 3 - yes/no questions

Answer key

1. Do your parents live in a house?
2. ✓
3. Does Sam work on a computer?
4. ✓
5. Does she think you are her best friend?
6. Does Jill's cat catch mice at night?
7. Do Claire and Brad help in the garden?
8. ✓
9. Do her classmates do their homework?
10. Do your uncle and aunt watch football on TV?
11. Does Mike's friend speak English?
12. ✓

Present simple: exercise 4 - wh questions

Liz is taking her English exam. Read the answers and complete the examiner's questions. Use why, what, where, who, how and the present simple forms.

Examiner: Your name is Elizabeth. your friends you?

Liz: My friends call me Liz.

Examiner: All right, Liz. ?

Liz: I live near here. Just round the corner.

Examiner: in your free time?

Liz: I play a lot of sports. And I sometimes read books.

Examiner: ?

Liz: My favourite sport is basketball.

Examiner: basketball?

Liz: Not very often. I usually play it once a week. At weekends.

Examiner: play it more often ?

Liz: Why? I don't play it more often because I have a lot of exams this year.

Examiner: Andbasketball with?

Liz: I play it with my friends from our neighbourhood. And sometimes with my schoolmates, too.

Examiner: Now I want to ask you about your friends, Liz.

..... ?

Liz: My best friend is Marjorie. Definitely.

Examiner: Marjorie, you say. Marjorie do?

Liz: She finished school last year. And now she works as a nurse.

Examiner: ?

Liz: She works at the local hospital.

Examiner: Thank you, Liz. And say hello to Marjorie. Good bye.

Present simple: exercise 4 - wh questions

Answer key

What do your friends call you?

Where do you live?

What do you do in your free time?

What is your favourite sport?

How often do you play basketball?

Why don't you play (do you not play) it more often?

And who do you play basketball with?

Who is your best friend?

What does Marjorie do?

Where does she work?

Present simple: exercise 5 - wh questions

Complete the following wh-questions in the present simple tense.

Example:

Who to school? (take-you)

Who takes you to school?

Who most? (you-miss)

Who do you miss most?

Who with? (you - stay)

Which first? (car - start)

Why fruit? (Derek - not eat)

What about it? (he - think)

Where ? (Joe and his wife - live)

How it? (your grandpa - do)

Who with you? (work)

Which ? (colour - you -prefer)

Why with housework? (Mary - not help)

What ? (annoy - you)

Where his bag? (he - put)

How ? (Mimi and her friend - speak)

See the Answer Key on the next page.

Present simple: exercise 5 - wh questions

Answer key

Who do you stay with?

Why doesn't Derek eat (does Derek not eat) fruit?

What does he think about it?

Where do Joe and his wife live?

How does your grandpa do it?

Who works with you?

Which colour do you prefer?

Why doesn't Mary help (does Mary not help) with housework?

What annoys you?

Where does he put his bag?

How do Mimi and her friend speak?

Present simple: exercise 6 - negative

Correct the wrong information. Use don't - doesn't in the present simple.

Example:

Mel Gibson comes from Britain.

Mel Gibson doesn't come from Britain. He comes from Australia.

The Earth moves around the Sun 150,000 kms away from it.

The Earth around the Sun 150,000 kms away from it. It's 150,000,000 kms.

Tourists go to Africa to see the Niagara Falls.

Tourists to Africa to see the Niagara Falls. They go to America to see them.

People in Switzerland speak Swiss.

People in Switzerland Swiss. They speak German, French and Italian.

The Amazon River ends in the Pacific Ocean.

The Amazon River in the Pacific Ocean. It ends in the Atlantic Ocean.

The Ayers Rock lies in the east of Australia.

The Ayers Rock in the east of Australia. It is in the middle of the continent.

The oldest skyscraper in the world stands in New York.

The oldest skyscraper in the world in New York. It's in Chicago.

The tallest trees in the world grow in France.

The tallest trees in the world in France. They are in California.

The cheetahs run up to 60 kilometres per hour.

The cheetahs up to 60 kms per hour. Their maximum speed is 120 kms per hour.

The ostrich lives in Australia.

The ostrich in Australia. It lives in Africa.

The Japanese people make Samsung mobile phones.

The Japanese people Samsung mobile phones. They are made in South Korea.

See the Answer Key on the next page.

Present simple: exercise 6 - negative

Answer key

The Earth does not (doesn't) move around the Sun 150,000 kilometres away from it.

Tourists do not (don't) go to Africa to see the Niagara Falls.

People in Switzerland do not (don't) speak Swiss.

The Amazon River does not (doesn't) end in the Pacific Ocean.

The Ayers Rock does not (doesn't) lie in the east of Australia.

The oldest skyscraper in the world does not (doesn't) stand in New York.

The tallest trees in the world do not (don't) grow in France.

The cheetahs do not (don't) run up to 60 kilometres per hour.

The ostrich does not (doesn't) live in Australia.

The Japanese people do not (don't) make Samsung mobile phones.

Present simple: exercise 7 - the third person _____

Test 1

Fill the gaps with verbs in the simple present tense and use words ending in -s, -es and -ies.

Why Samuel wakes up early

Every day little Samuel (get) up early in the morning. He (hurry) downstairs and into the backyard. Where is she? Over there. His black and white kitten always (play) in the grass. Little Samuel (catch) her with both hands, (grab) her under her soft belly, (lift) her into the air and (kiss) her on her pink nose. Then he (carry) her into the kitchen to give her a small bowl of milk. But sometimes he just (watch) his kitten running on the grass. What a fast cat she is! She never (miss) a mosquito that (fly) low above the ground.

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Test 2

Use the following verbs in the present simple to complete the sentences.

choose - finish - go - practise - cry - love - push - make - study - mix - put - start - do - pass - help - fry
serve - taste - take - wash - fix - crash - let

My dear family

1. My brother Mike biology at university. He several exams every year and he always all his exams. He summer terms in June and the next term at the end of September.
2. My sister Frances guitar lessons and every day.
3. My aunt Fiona watching romantic stories and she sometimes
4. My mum usually shopping on Fridays. She a lot of things in her trolley and then she it in front of her.
5. My dad is crazy about cars. He always the best car he can afford. He it every weekend and all the breakdowns. He is a careful driver. He never
6. My grandma the best goulash in the world. My grandpa usually her. He beef meat and onions in oil and later the ingredients. My grandma the goulash in the freezer for a couple of days before she it. It much better!

See the Answer Key on the next page.

Present simple: exercise 7 - negative

Answer key

Test 1

gets up
hurries
plays
catches
grabs
lifts
kisses
carries
watches
misses
flie

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Test 2

1. My brother Mike **studies** biology at university. He **takes/does** several exams every year and he always **passes** all his exams. He **finishes** summer terms in June and **starts** the next term at the end of September.
2. My sister Frances **takes** guitar lessons and **practises** every day.
3. My aunt Fiona **loves** watching romantic stories and she sometimes **cries**.
4. My mum usually **goes** shopping on Fridays. She **puts** a lot of things in her trolley and then she **pushes** it in front of her.
5. My dad is crazy about cars. He always **chooses** the best car he can afford. Then he **washes** it every weekend and **fixes** all the breakdowns on his own. He is a careful driver. He never **crashes**.
6. My grandma **makes** the best goulash in the world. My grandpa usually **helps** her - he **fries** beef meat and onions in oil and later **mixes** the ingredients. My grandma **lets** the goulash in a freezer for a couple of days before she **serves** it. It **tastes** much better!

Present simple: exercise 8 - all forms _____

Complete the dialogues with correct forms of the present simple tense.

What the longest river in the world? (be)

The longest rivers the Amazon and the Nile. (be)

What in your free time? (do)

I anything. I just get bored. (not do)

Mrs Jolie, your son in my lessons. (sleep)

Oh, no. How long ? (sleep)

..... this your bag? (be)

No, it mine. (not be)

What about your children? to the same school? (go)

Annie to school. She is four. (not go)

Sue and Kam well-dressed today. (be)

Are you crazy? They well-dressed at all! (not be)

..... your husband a good driver? (be)

Well, he always his best. (try)

Greg is the best player in our team. He never the goal. (miss)

Really? How often? (score)

See the Answer Key on the next page.

Present simple: exercise 8 - all forms

Answer key

What is (What's) the longest river in the world?

The longest rivers are the Amazon and the Nile.

What do you do in your free time?

I do not (don't) do anything. I just get bored.

Mrs Jolie, your son sleeps in my lessons.

Oh, no. How long does he sleep?

Is this your bag?

No, it is not (isn't) mine.

What about your children? Do they go to the same school?

Annie does not (doesn't) go to school. She is four.

Sue and Kam are well-dressed today.

Are you crazy? They are not (aren't) well-dressed at all!

Is your husband a good driver?

Well, he always tries his best.

Greg is the best player in our team. He never misses the goal.

Really? How often does he score?

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