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# English tenses

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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.

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A: Are you hungry?

B: Yes, I ..... a little bit hungry.

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A: Is your sister at school?

B: No, she ..... at school.

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A: Where are your parents?

B: My mum and dad ..... at work.

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

B: Peter and Bill ..... my best friends.

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A: I think these stories are very interesting.

B: Really? The stories ..... interesting at all.

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A: How often are you ill?

B: Quite often. I ..... very healthy.

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A: Are Susan and Marion good at sport?

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

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A: Am I the best student in our class?

B: No, you ..... I'm the best.

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A: Where are you, Simon?

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

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See the Answer Key on the next page.

## Present simple: exercise 1 - verb to be

### Answer key

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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

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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 7 - 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.

### 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 - third person

### Answer key

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#### Test 1

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

#### 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)

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What ..... in your free time? (do)

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

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

Oh, no. How long ..... ? (sleep)

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

No, it ..... mine. (not be)

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

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

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Sue and Kam ..... well-dressed today. (be)

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

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

Well, he always ..... his best. (try)

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

Really? How often .....? (score)

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See the Answer Key on the next page.

## Present simple: exercise 8 - all forms

### Answer key

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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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