

English grammar

Present simple

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Present simple

Verb to be

Exercise 1. Complete the sentences.

A: Where are we now, Sarah?

B: You just in front of our new house.

A: Are you hungry?

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

A: Is your younger sister at school?

B: No, she at school this week.

A: Where are your parents?

B: My mum and dad at work as usual.

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

B: I can say that Peter and Bill my best friends.

A: I think these stories about footballers are very interesting.

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

A: How often are you ill, grandma?

B: Quite often. I very healthy this year.

A: Are Susan and Marion good at sports activities?

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

A: Am I the best student in our class?

B: No, you I'm the best. Do you agree?

A: Where are you, Simon?

B: I'm afraid Simon here. He is at the shop in the centre of town.

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Questions

Exercise 2. Complete the dialogue.

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.

Exercise 3. Find mistakes and correct them. _____

Example:

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

1. Does your parents live in a house? in a house?
2. Do your brother and sister eats meat? meat?
3. Does Sam works on a computer? on a computer?
4. You think she is your best friend? she is your best friend?
5. Do she thinks you are her best friend? you are her best friend?
6. Do Jill's cat catch mice at night? mice at night?
7. Does Claire and Brad help in the garden? in the garden?
8. Do Tim's dogs eats chicken bones? chicken bones?
9. Do her classmates 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. Does lions lives in India? in India?

Exercise 4. Wh questions. Complete the dialogue. _____

Liz is taking her English exam. Complete the examiner's wh- questions. Use why, what, where, who, how and 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.

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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.

Exercise 5. Wh-questions. Jumbled words. _____

Use the words in brackets to make questions.

Example:

Who ? (take-you-school)
Who takes you to school?

Who ? (you-call-most)
Who do you call most?

Who ? (you-stay-with)

Which ? (car-start-first)

Why ? (Derek-not-eat-fruit)

What ? (he-think-about it)

Where ? (Joe and his wife-live)

How ? (your grandpa-do-it)

Who ? (work-with you)

Which ? (colour-you-prefer)

Why ? (Mary-not-help-with housework)

What ? (annoy-you)

Where ? (he-put-his bag)

How ? (Mimi and her friend-speak)

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Negative

Exercise 6. Use the words in brackets to correct the wrong information. ____

Example:

Mel Gibson comes from Britain. (Australia)

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

The Earth moves around the Sun 150 thousand kilometres away from it. (million)

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Tourists go to Africa to see the Niagara Falls. (America)

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People in Switzerland speak the Swiss language. (the German, French and Italian languages)

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The Amazon River ends in the Pacific Ocean. (the Atlantic Ocean)

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The Ayers Rock lies in the east of Australia. (in the middle)

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The oldest skyscraper in the world stands in New York. (Chicago)

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The tallest trees in the world grow in France. (California)

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The cheetahs run up to 60 kilometres per hour. (120)

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The ostrich lives in Australia. (Africa)

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The Japanese people make Nokia mobile phones. (the Finnish people)

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Exercise 7. Complete the sentences with don't or doesn't. _____

What a good student doesn't do

A good student come late to school.

Good students forget to do homework.

He/she copy other students' homework.

Good students talk to their neighbours during lessons.

They eat or drink anything between school breaks.

The best student make any mistakes in his or her tests.

He or she cheat.

Even the worst students sleep at their desks.

Really good students mind going to school.

And do you know what a really good student like? Holidays!

Present simple third person singular

Exercise 8. Complete the story. _____

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? Yes, 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.

Exercise 9. Complete the sentences with the following verbs. _____

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!

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

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

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Do you help him with his homework?

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Does your brother want to be a doctor?

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Present simple wh-questions

Exercise 4

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 it more often?

And who do you play basketball with?

Who is your best friend?

What does Marjorie do?

Where does she work?

Exercise 5

Who do you stay with?

Which car starts first?

Why doesn't Derek 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 with housework?

What annoys you?

Where does he put his bag?

How do Mimi and her friend speak?

Present simple wh-questions

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The Earth doesn't move around the Sun 150 thousand kilometres away from it.
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