

English A1 · Present simple

Beginner English for Chinese speakers; classroom examples, not official exam items.

The tense of eternal truths

The present simple is for things that are always true: habits, routines, facts — and one loud little -s.

Calm verbs, one exception

Person	Form	Example
I / you / we / they	walk / like	I walk to school.
he / she / it	walks / likes	She likes cats.

Use the evidence

— He likes cats. One letter; a thousand lost exam marks.

Your turn: the ego letter

Your turn

She ____ (study) English every day.

- A. study
- B. studys
- C. studies
- D. studyies

Enter do and does

	Statement	Negative	Question
I / you / we / they	I like tea.	I don't like tea.	Do you like tea?
he / she / it	He likes tea.	He doesn't like tea.	Does he like tea?

Use the evidence

Short answers use the helper: Yes, I do. / No, I don't.

does eats the -s

- 1 **Statement** She likes cats.
- 2 **Hire the helper** does arrives and eats the -s.
- 3 **Question** Does she like cats?
- 4 **The rule** After do/does/don't/doesn't, the main verb returns to base form.

Decision

One -s per sentence. Does already ate it.

Your turn: hire the helper

Your turn

Which question is correct?

- ☐ A. Does she likes cats?
- ☐ B. Does she like cats?
- ☐ C. Do she like cats?
- ☐ D. Is she like cats?

How often? The adverb ladder

always — 100% of the time



usually — often — the middle ground



sometimes — now and then



never — 0%, and already negative

Your turn: place the adverb

Your turn

Which sentence is correct?

- ☐ A. He always is late.
- ☐ B. He is always late.
- ☐ C. He is late always.
- ☐ D. He doesn't never late.

The most common error in the course

The Chinese sentence is complete. The English one needs the -s.

He walks to school every day. — never He walk.

Your turn: two machines

Your turn

Which question is correct?

- A. Do you are happy?
- B. Are you happy?
- C. Do you be happy?
- D. You are happy, do?

Say it aloud

I wake up at seven. I never wake up happy.



My father cooks dinner. My mother says he cooks.



Does your best friend like cats? — Yes, they do.



Add one true fact about your city with always or never.

Check yourself

- She watches TV at night — third person, -ch dances to -es.
- Does he like cats? — does eats the -s; the main verb relaxes.
- They don't eat fish — helper plus not, base form.
- He is always late — be takes no helper, and the adverb follows it.