

# The present simple:

Form: it is the base form of a verb e.g. go, see, take

The third person singular (he-she-it) has -s or -es

(ch-sh-s-ss-x-o) or -ies (consonant+y) e.g. match → matches

study → studies

→ In the negative, we use don't / doesn't + stem

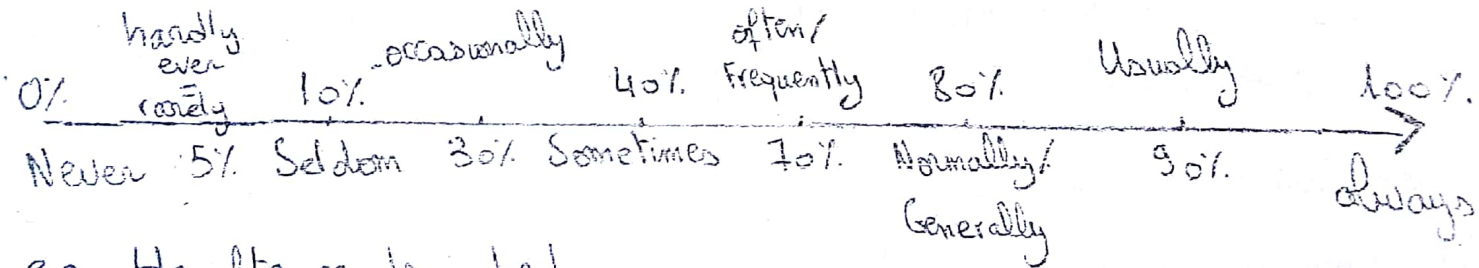
e.g. He goes → He doesn't go.

→ In questions, we use do / does + subject + stem.

e.g. Does he go there often?

## Uses:

a- habits : usually introduced by adverbs of frequency



e.g. He often reads in bed

Do you usually walk to work?

other expressions. Everyday / week / month / Saturday..., Once / twice a week.

b- Facts when something is always true e.g. The sky is blue, She likes hypnosis

or when something is true for a long time e.g. I live in Belle-vue, She works in Skibda

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## The present continuous:

Form:

am / is / are + v+ing.

Uses:

a. - When the action happens at the moment of speaking.  
e.g. we are studying at the moment / She is preparing lunch right now

Typical time expressions: Now, right now, at the moment, at present, Look!  
Listen! this week, these days, today, still....

b. - for the near future: (tonight / tomorrow / on Sunday / next week - month - year....)  
e.g. I'm cooking tonight / I'm seeing my doctor tomorrow

## The past simple:

Form: with most verbs we add -ed or -ied (consonant+y) to form the past simple  
e.g. play → played, try → tried, hate → hated

Some past verbs are irregular

In the negatives, we use didn't + stem e.g. went → didn't go

In the questions, we use did + subject + stem → did they go?

Use: for actions at a definite time in the past.

time expressions → yesterday  
last / night / week / month / year ...  
..... ago  
in 2001  
The other day  
On Monday  
at 10 o'clock

e.g. what did you do yesterday?  
I saw it in 2002.

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The present perfect:

Form:

have / has + past participle

Uses:

- 1. for actions that started in the past and continue to the present.  
e.g. Bouteflika has been the president since 1999 / There have always been wars
- 2. Recent Past: We have just finished
- 3. for actions at an indefinite time in the past.

T.T.E { just, recently, ever/never, since, yet, already, for years/weeks /

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