

**Lesson3: TENSES:**

**a) Present Simple:**

**Rule:**

We use the present simple:

- for habits and actions that we do regularly: He **visits** his friends every Sunday. / She **goes** to school by bus.
- for general truths: The sun **rises** in the East. / Earth **turns** around the sun
- for permanent situations: His parents **lives** in London.
- For timetables and programs: as in travel arrangements and public planned events.

The train **arrives** at 9 a.m / The international conference **starts** at 8:30 a.m

**Expressions used with the Present Simple:**

**Frequency adverbs:** always, usually, often, sometimes, rarely, never (they are placed before the main verb)

**Time expressions:** every day / week / Friday... on Mondays / Sundays... at the weekend... in the morning / afternoon... in winter / spring... once a day / week...

**Spelling notes:**

-Verbs ending in “**ss ,sh, ch, x, o**” add “**es**” instead of “**s**” alone to form the third person of singular.

Examples: He **misses** he **rushes** she **watches** she **mixes** he **goes**

-When “**y**” follows a consonant, we change the “**y**” into “**i**” and add “**es**”.

Examples: I **copy** : she **copies** they **try**: she **tries**

However, verbs ending in “**y**” following a vowel obey the usual form.

I **say**: he **says** they **pray** she **prays**

**-For the negative form use : (to do) in the present simple(do or does) + not+stem = He does not work on weekends.**

**Activity1:** Complete the sentences with the Present Simple of the verbs in brackets.

1. Peter and his friends \_\_\_\_\_ to school by bus. (go)
2. Elephants \_\_\_\_\_ leaves and grass. (eat)
3. David's father \_\_\_\_\_ in a hospital. (work)
4. The bank (open) \_\_\_\_\_ at 9.30 and \_\_\_\_\_ at 4.30. (close)
5. Tom and Jim \_\_\_\_\_ football every day after school. (play)
6. Mr Jones is a teacher. He \_\_\_\_\_ History. (teach)
7. Our lessons \_\_\_\_\_ at 9.00 and \_\_\_\_\_ at 3.30. (start / finish)
8. My pen friend \_\_\_\_\_ in Japan. (live)
9. Mary and her brother \_\_\_\_\_ cartoons every Sunday morning. (watch)
10. John \_\_\_\_\_ his room every day.

**b) Past Simple:**

**Rule:**

We use the past simple:

-for finished actions, states or habits in the past; we usually have a finished time word such as: (**yesterday, last week, last summer, 1960....**).

Examples:

Leonardo da Vinci **painted** the Mona Lisa. / The Vikings **invaded** Britain.

I **went** to Cinema yesterday. / We **had** a a great time in Japan in 2007.

**-For the negative form: use (to do) in the past (did)+ not + stem= She didn't understand the lesson**

**Note: Be careful for the irregular verbs they do not follow the rule of the regular verb. (stem+ed)**  
to make- to take- to see- to eat- to think- to buy- to forget- to forgive....

**Activity: Fill in the blanks below to complete the following sentences:**

1. I (eat)\_\_\_\_\_ dinner at six o'clock yesterday.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Helen (drive)\_\_\_\_\_ to work? B: Yes, she \_\_\_\_\_.
3. My neighbor (buy)\_\_\_\_\_ a new car last week.
4. They (go)\_\_\_\_\_ to Italy on their last summer holiday.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ they (swim)\_\_\_\_\_ at the beach? B: No, they \_\_\_\_\_.
6. My family and I (see)\_\_\_\_\_ a comedy movie last night.
7. First, we (do)\_\_\_\_\_ exercise, and then we (drink)\_\_\_\_\_ some water.
8. Suddenly, the animal jumped and (bite)\_\_\_\_\_ my hand.
9. What time (do)\_\_\_\_\_ you (get up)\_\_\_\_\_ this morning?
10. The Wright brothers (fly)\_\_\_\_\_ the first airplane in 1903.
11. I think I (hear)\_\_\_\_\_ a strange sound outside the door one minute ago.
12. When I was ten years old, I (break)\_\_\_\_\_ my arm. It really (hurt) \_\_\_\_\_.
13. The police (catch)\_\_\_\_\_ all three of the bank robbers last week.
14. How many times (do)\_\_\_\_\_ you (read)\_\_\_\_\_ that book?
15. Unfortunately, I (forget)\_\_\_\_\_ to (bring)\_\_\_\_\_ my money.

### C) Future Simple:

To talk about the future we use: **(will+ stem)** or **( to be going to+ stem).**

#### 1- We use (will+stem):

- to talk about plans and intentions: **I am going to visit** my aunt next Friday.
- When you can predict the result of a present action : When your mother sees this mess, she **is going to punish** you.

#### 2- Will+stem

- immediate decisions: **I will have** salad and fish
- predictions: Robots **will replace** hand labour in the future.

**Activity: Fill in the gaps with the verbs between brackets in the correct form:**

1. Sally: There is no milk left !  
Betty: Oh, I..... some from the shop (get).
2. The Population of Valencia..... 2 million by the year 2050. (reach)
3. Mum: I told you to tidy up your room.  
Son: sorry mum , I forget. I..... it after lunch. (do)
4. Why don't we meet for coffee on Friday morning?  
Willy: sorry, I can't. I..... the doctor then. (see).
5. Tomorrow ..... a bright and sunny day everywhere in Spain , except in La Coruna. ,  
said the weatherwoman. (be).
6. Look at the big black cloud. I think it ..... (rain).
7. Sally: What are your plans for the weekend?  
Betty: James phoned. We ..... on a picnic. (go).
8. Betty: Don't worry. It's all organized. I..... to the travel agent's tomorrow morning. (go)
9. In the future, people..... bigger heads (have).
10. That glass is too near the edge. I think it ..... (fall).
11. Next month, I .....a DVD player. (buy).
12. When .....you..... another party? (have).
13. I have got to go to the dentist this morning.....you..... with me? (come).
14. Oh no! I think I ..... (sneeze).
15. Fanny: I can't open this jar. Leslie: Give it to me. I ..... it. (do).