Simple Present Tense

Choose the correct verb from the list below to complete the following sentences. Use the correct form of the simple present tense.

**Fix**  stand  **Speak**  **Drink**  **Eat**  **Do**  **Wear**  **Have**  **Wash**  **Make**  **Listen**  **Buy**  **Take**  **Watch**  **Brush**

1. I _______ breakfast at 7:00 every morning.
2. He always _______ a suit to work.
3. The teacher _______ at the front of the classroom.
4. He _______ his teeth three times a day.
5. We usually _______ our groceries on the weekend.
6. He _______ a meeting every morning.
7. She often _______ chicken for dinner.
8. They _______ the bus to school everyday.
9. We often _______ television in the evenings.
10. He _______ to the radio on his way to work.
11. The teacher _______ three languages.
12. A mechanic _______ cars.
13. She _______ the dishes after dinner.
14. They _______ coffee every morning.

Simple Present Tense in the Negative

Make **negative** sentences using the correct verbs from the list below.

speak  **know**  go  need  want  **drink**  love  be  move  smoke  wear  sell  have  get up  serve

Ex. 1. She is Japanese. She **doesn’t speak** French.

1. I **don’t eat** any dinner because I am not hungry.
2. Jerry and Beth are strangers. They **don’t know** each other.
3. We **don’t go** to school on the weekend.
4. Mrs. Smith wants a divorce. She **doesn’t want** her husband anymore.
5. Turtles **don’t move** quickly.
6. Children **don’t drink** coffee.
7. You **don’t wear** jeans to a wedding.
8. Poor people **don’t have** a lot of money.
9. It’s warm today. You **don’t need** to wear a coat.
10. Jessica is very healthy. She **doesn’t smoke** cigarettes.
11. The students are from China. They **don’t speak** English.
12. The shoe store **sells** hats.
13. That restaurant **serves** breakfast.
14. The children **don’t wear** hats early on the weekend.
Simple Present Tense – Yes/No Questions

Practice making questions and giving short answers in the simple present tense.

Ex. Do you wake up early every day?  
  Yes, I do. (I wake up early every day.)

1. ____________________________________________ (He takes the bus to school.)

2. ____________________________________________ (They don’t live in a big city.)

3. ____________________________________________ (We like to play tennis.)

4. ____________________________________________ (They don’t watch TV a lot.)

5. ____________________________________________ (He lives in an apartment.)

6. ____________________________________________ (The students work hard.)

7. ____________________________________________ (She doesn’t eat in the cafeteria.)

8. ____________________________________________ (I speak French.)
Simple Present Tense – Information Questions

Use the correct question word (who, what, where, when, why, how many) and the simple present tense to make information questions. The underlined words are the answers to the questions.

Ex. Where does he live?
   He lives in an apartment on Main Street.

1._______________________________________________________________________________
   They have three children.

2. _______________________________________________________________________________
   He speaks four languages.

3. _______________________________________________________________________________
   She lives with her roommate.

4. _______________________________________________________________________________
   They eat lunch in the cafeteria everyday.

5. _______________________________________________________________________________
   I go to bed at 11:00 every night.

6. _______________________________________________________________________________
   She doesn’t want to go to a movie because she is very tired.

7. _______________________________________________________________________________
   They eat eggs for breakfast every day.

8. _______________________________________________________________________________
   He wants steak for dinner.
Simple Present Tense and Frequency Adverbs

A. Choose the correct verb from the list below to complete the following sentences. Use the correct form of the simple present tense.

eat / travel / play / listen to / help / shop / drink / rain / take / do

1. I never __________________________ coffee before I go to bed.
2. She always __________________________ her mother with the housework.
3. Her husband never __________________________ the laundry.
4. They usually __________________________ the bus to school.
5. We seldom __________________________ dinner in a restaurant.
6. They rarely __________________________ to different countries.
7. She usually __________________________ at the supermarket near her home.
8. We sometimes __________________________ cards on the weekend.
9. It often __________________________ in April.
10. Teenagers seldom __________________________ their parents.

B. Write sentences about yourself using each of the frequency adverbs below.

always / usually / often / sometimes / seldom / rarely / never

1. I always __________________________.
2. I usually __________________________.
3. I often __________________________.
4. I sometimes __________________________.
5. I seldom __________________________.
6. I rarely __________________________.
7. I never __________________________.

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Present Progressive (Present Continuous) Tense

Choose the correct verb from the list below to complete the following sentences. Use the correct form of the present progressive tense.

wear / study / sneeze / listen / rain / fix / dance / eat / read / shine / buy / make / wash / fly / sleep

1. It is a beautiful day. The sun ________________________________.

2. Mother is busy now. She ________________________________ dinner.

3. Father is in the garage. He ________________________________ the car.

4. The students are in the classroom. They ________________________________ to their teacher.

5. The baby is in her crib. She ________________________________.

6. Ellie is in her bedroom. She ________________________________ for her exam.

7. Claire and Bob are at a party. They ________________________________.

8. You should take your umbrella. It ________________________________.

9. Anna is going to a wedding. She ________________________________ a beautiful dress.

10. The floor is dirty. Andrea ________________________________ it.

11. Mark is at the supermarket. He ________________________________ groceries.

12. It is 12:00. The children ________________________________ lunch.

13. Brenda has a bad cold. She ________________________________.

14. The students are in the library. They ________________________________.

15. The pilot ________________________________ his airplane.
Present Progressive Tense – Negative and Affirmative

Choose the correct verb from the list below to complete the following sentences. First use the negative form, then the affirmative.

drink / go / wash / play / cook / study / listen / write
smoke / drive / speak / watch

Ex. Mary isn’t wearing a blue dress. She’s wearing a black dress.

1. Peter _______________________ mathematics. He _______________________ history.
2. The boys _______________________ soccer. They _______________________ hockey.
3. I _______________________ coffee. I _______________________ tea.
4. She _______________________ a letter to her grandmother. She _______________________ a letter to her aunt.
5. We _______________________ a new car. We _______________________ a used car.
7. She _______________________ sports on TV. She _______________________ a movie.
8. The tourists _______________________ Chinese. They _______________________ Japanese.
9. He _______________________ a cigarette. He _______________________ a pipe.
10. She _______________________ the dishes. She _______________________ the clothes.
11. They _______________________ to classical music. They _______________________ to rock music.
12. We _______________________ to Hawaii for our vacation. We _______________________ to Mexico.