

# SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

## I. USAGE -

- A. **Present Continuous Tense** - refers to actions happening RIGHT NOW
- B. **Simple Present Tense** - refers to actions that occur REGULARLY.  
Thus, this tense often is used to describe routines.

## II. FORMATION

### A. STATEMENTS

#### 1. AFFIRMATIVE STATEMENTS

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| I<br>you<br>we           + <i>WORK.</i><br>they<br><span style="display: block; text-align: right; font-size: small;">(base form of verb)</span> | he<br>she       + <i>WORK<u>S</u>.</i><br>it<br><span style="display: block; text-align: right; font-size: small;">(add "S" to base form of verb)</span> |
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#### 2. NEGATIVE STATEMENTS- use *DON'T* or *DOESN'T* before the verb

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| I<br>you<br>we <i>DON'T</i> + <i>WORK.</i><br>they<br><span style="display: block; text-align: right; font-size: small;">(base form of verb)</span> | he<br>she <i>DOESN'T WORK.</i><br>it<br><span style="display: block; text-align: right; font-size: small;">(drop the "S" from the verb)</span> |
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### B. QUESTIONS - Always use *DO* or *DOES* as the helping verb

#### 1. WH- QUESTIONS

| WH-          | helping verb | subject                       | main verb    | WH-          | helping verb | subject                | main verb                                     |
|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>Where</b> | <b>DO</b>    | <b>I</b><br>you<br>we<br>they | <b>LIVE?</b> | <b>Where</b> | <b>DOES</b>  | <b>he</b><br>she<br>it | <b>LIVE?</b><br><small>(drop the "s")</small> |

## 2. YES / NO QUESTIONS

| helping verb | subject                | main verb    | helping verb | subject         | main verb                      |
|--------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>DO</i>    | I<br>you<br>we<br>they | <b>COOK?</b> | <i>DOES</i>  | he<br>she<br>it | <b>COOK?</b><br>(drop the "s") |

### C. SHORT ANSWERS

#### 1. AFFIRMATIVE SHORT ANSWER

|             |                        |   |              |
|-------------|------------------------|---|--------------|
| <b>YES,</b> | I<br>you<br>we<br>they | + | <i>DO.</i>   |
|             | he<br>she<br>it        | + | <i>DOES.</i> |

#### 2. NEGATIVE SHORT ANSWERS

|            |                        |   |                 |
|------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|
| <b>NO,</b> | I<br>you<br>we<br>they | + | <i>DON'T.</i>   |
|            | he<br>she<br>it        | + | <i>DOESN'T.</i> |