

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

I you we + <i>WORK.</i> they (base form of verb)	he she + <i>WORK<u>S</u>.</i> it (add "S" to base form of verb)
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2. NEGATIVE STATEMENTS- use *DON'T* or *DOESN'T* before the verb

I you we <i>DON'T</i> + <i>WORK.</i> they (base form of verb)	he she <i>DOESN'T WORK.</i> it (drop the "S" from the verb)
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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
Where	DO	I you we they	LIVE?	Where	DOES	he she it	LIVE? <small>(drop the "s")</small>

2. YES / NO QUESTIONS

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

C. SHORT ANSWERS

1. AFFIRMATIVE SHORT ANSWER

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

2. NEGATIVE SHORT ANSWERS

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