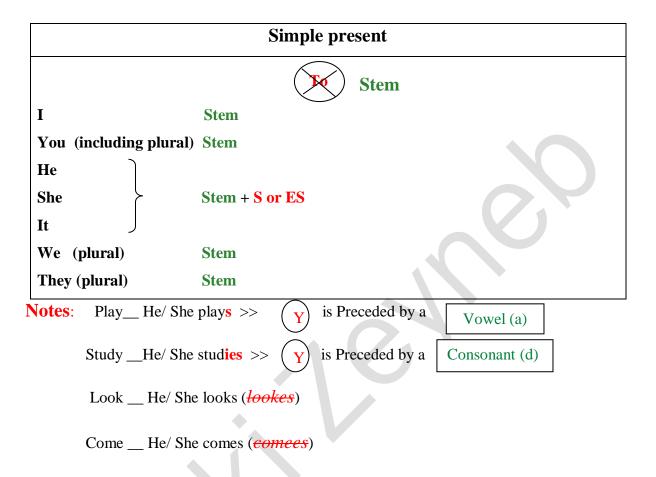
The Present Simple

1. Form:



2. Uses of simple present:

- a. Repeated actions, habits, and routines
- We **leave** for work at 7.30 *every morning*.
- They *usually* **play** football on Sunday.

Note: the simple present is often used with adverbs of frequency (often, usually, rarely, never, frequently, every week, from time to time...)

b. Facts and generalizations:

The simple present can be used to indicate that the speakers believes that a fact was true before, is true now, and will be true in the future. It is also used to make generalizations about people or things.

-Cats like milk.

- -He talks a lot.
- -Berlin **is** the capital city of Germany.

*Importantly, the simple present is used to express general, universal, true and scientific statements.

- -The Earth **goes round** the Sun.
- -Calcium **is** important to the formation of strong bones.

c. Stative/ Non-continuous verbs:

- -She **needs** help.
- -We **know** that man.
- -I **like** swimming.

d. Permanent situation:

Use the simple present to talk about situations in life that last a relatively long time.

- -He lives in Boston.
- -He works as a fireman.

e. Scheduled events in the near future:

- -The bus **leaves** tonight.
- -Courses **start** next week.

Ref. (...)