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**Tenses**

Tenses denote the time of actions, they show when the work is done. They are:

1. Present tense
2. Past tense
3. Future tense

* **Present Simple**

The simple present tense is used to describe an action that is regular and work done on daily basis. We use the present tense when we deal with:

**Permanent situations:** I take the train to the office.

**Routines:** I get up early every day.

**Facts:** the sun rises every morning in the east.

**How to form the present simple tenses:**

**For positive sentences**: we form the present simple tense using the base form of the infinitive (without the to), but with third person we add “**S**”. For example: I work

You work

We work

They work

He works

She works

It works

**For negative sentences:** generally we use **do not** (don’t) or **does not** (doesn’t) in order to make a negative sentence. We add do not between the subject and the verb (the base form of the infinitive without the to) when the subject is I, you, they, we. For example:

Affirmative: They work in the same place.

Negative: they **do not** work in the same place.

And we use **does** **not** between the subject and the verb when the subject is He, She, It. For example:

Affirmative: she speaks Arabic.

Negative: she does not speak Arabic.

**Questions in the simple present tense:**

We use **do** and **does** alsoin order to make a question; normally we put them at the beginning of the question. We use do When the subject is I, You, They, We.

For example: Do we have meeting today?

Do you work here?

When the subject is in third person (he, she, it), we use does.

For example: does it rain?

Does Sara need help?

Sometimes when we ask questions we don’t just start with do and does but, we need to add a question word like (who, what, when, where, how…). For example: where do you live?

What do you have?

**Notice:** we don’t use **do** or **does** when the questions have the verb To Be or modal verbs (can, should, must, might...).

Exercise:

Ⅰ. Write affirmative sentences in simple present tense using the verbs in parenthesis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bhatt ………. (Come) from India.

Jack is a good swimmer. He ………….. (Swim) 500 mts very fast.

Planets ………. (Need) water and sunlight.

Sara …………. (Study) at Bellas Artes school, she …….. (Draw) beautiful pictures.

My friends ………. (Love) to travel.

Ⅱ. Write negative sentences in simple present tense.

James ……… (not wear) shirts because he ……..… (not like) them.

Tanya ………. (not speak) Germany very well.

Sara ………. (not drink) coffee very often.

I …….. (not go) to the cinema on Monday.

My parents …………. (Be) lawyers, they work in school as teachers.

Ⅲ. Complete using simple present.

Who …….. Amira ……… in Algeria? (Visit)

When ………. You …….. to the school? (Go)

…….. they…………. reading books? (Like)

What ……… she ……… on TV? (Watch)

……… you …….. in Egypt? (Live)