

PRESENT TENSE

Present Tense or simple present says that something or an activity was true in the past, is true in the present, and will be true in the future. We use it to say that something happens all the time. It means if a sentence using this tense is long lasting. The uses of present tense as follow:

1. General statement of fact (general truth)

We use the present tense to talk about things in the general. We are not thinking only about now. Examples:

- ✚ Nurses look after patients in the hospitals.
- ✚ Water consists of hydrogen and oxygen.
- ✚ Most animals kill only for food.
- ✚ The world is around.
- ✚ Ms. Maya is an English teacher.

2. Habitual or everyday activity

- ✚ She studies for two hours every night.
- ✚ My classes begin at 7.
- ✚ Tom always eats sandwich for lunch.

The pattern of present tense

a. Positive sentence

S + Adverb of frequency + Vs/es + (O) + Adverb of time

S + is / are + Complement

b. Negative sentence

S + Adverb of frequency + Do / Does + Not + V1 + (O) + Adverb of time

S + Is / Are + Not + Complement

c. Interrogative sentence (Yes- No Question)

Do / Does + S + Adverb of frequency + V1 + (O) + Adverb of time ?

Is / Are + S + Complement ?

The answer:

Yes, S + Do / Does

Yes, S + Is / Are

No, S + Do / Does + Not

No, S + Is / Are + Not

Note:

The third singular subjects (He, She, It) use Vs/es.

The first or second or plural subject (They, We, I, You) use V1

To be 'is' is used for the subjects : He, She, It and every singular thing / person (the person's name).

To be 'are' is used for the subjects : They, We, I, You and plural things.

Adverb of time

Adverbs of time are usually used in present tense: everyday, every Sunday, every year, every holiday (every ...).

Adverbs of frequency

Adverbs of frequency are used in present tense: usually, always, often, seldom, rarely, sometimes.