

Unit 2

Present Simple (I Do)

A. Study this example situation

Robert is a bus driver, but now he is in bed asleep.

He is not driving a bus. (He is asleep.)

But He drives a bus. (He is a bus driver).

Drive(s)/work(s)/do(es) etc, is the *present simple*:

I/we/you/they	drive/work/do etc.
he/she/it	drives/works/does etc.

B. We use the present simple to talk about things in general. We use it to say that something happens all the time or repeatedly, or that something is true in general:

- ☆ Nurses **look** after patients in hospitals.
- ☆ I usually **go** away at weekends.
- ☆ The earth **goes** around the sun.
- ☆ The café **opens** at 7.30 in the morning.

Remember:

I **work** ... *but* He **works** ... They **teach** ... *but* My sister **teaches** ...

C. We use do/does to make questions and negative sentences:

do	I/we/you/they	work?
does	he/she/it	drive?
		do?

I/we/you/they	don't	work
he/she/it	doesn't	drive
		do

- ☆ I come from Canada. Where **do** you **come** from?
- ☆ I **don't** go away very often.
- ☆ What **does** this word **mean**? (*not* What means this word?)
- ☆ Rice **doesn't** grow in cold climates.

In the following examples, **do** is also the main verb (do you **do** / doesn't **do** etc.):

- ☆ 'What **do** you **do**?' 'I work in a shop.'
- ☆ He's always so lazy. He **doesn't** **do** anything to help.

D. We use the present simple to say how often we do things:

- ☆ I **get** up at 8 o'clock **every morning**.
- ☆ How **often** **do** you **go** to the dentist?
- ☆ Julie **doesn't** **drink** tea **very often**.
- ☆ Robert **usually** **goes** away **two or three times a year**.

E. I promise / I apologise etc.

Sometimes we do things by saying something. For example, when you *promise* to do something, you can say '**I promise** ...'; when you *suggest* something, you can say '**I suggest** ...':

- ☆ **I promise** I won't be late. (*not* I'm promising)
- ☆ 'What do you **suggest** I do?' '**I suggest** that you ...'

In the same way we say: **I apologise** ... / **I advise** ... / **I insist** ... / **I agree** ... / **I refuse** ... etc.

Exercises

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2.1. Complete the sentences with the following verbs in the correct form:

cause(s) connect(s) drink(s) live(s) open(s) take(s)

1. Tanya ...**speaks**... German very well.
2. I don't often coffee.
3. The swimming pool at 7.30 every morning.
4. Bad driving many accidents.
5. My parents In a very small flat.
6. The Olympic Games place very four years.
7. The Panama Canal the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

2.2. Put the verb into the correct form.

1. Julie ...**doesn't drink**... (not / drink) tea very often.
2. What time (the bank / close) here?
3. I've got a computer, but I (not / use) it much.
4. 'Where (Martin / come) from?' 'He's Scottish.'
5. 'What (you / do)?' 'I'm an electrician'
6. It (take) me an hour to get to work. How long (it / take) you?
7. Look at this sentence. What (the word / mean)?
8. David isn't very fit. He (not / do) any sport.

2.3. Use the following verbs to complete the sentences. Sometimes you need the negative.

believe eat flow make rise tell

1. The earth ...**goes**... round the sun.
2. Rice ...**doesn't grow**... in Britain.
3. The sun in the east
4. Bees honey.
5. Vegetarians meat.
6. An atheist in God.
7. Liars are people who the truth.
8. The River Amazon into the Atlantic Oceans.

2.4. You ask Liz questions about herself and her family. Write the questions.

1. You know that Liz plays tennis. You want to know how often. Ask her.
How often ...**do you play tennis**....?
2. Perhaps Liz's sister plays tennis too. You want to know. Ask Liz.
..... ?
3. You know that Liz reads a newspaper every day. You want to know which one. Ask her.
..... ?
4. You know that Liz's brother works. You want to know what he does. Ask her.
..... ?
5. You know that Liz goes to the cinema a lot. You want to know how often. Ask her.
..... ?
6. You don't know where Liz's grandparents live. You want to know. Ask Liz.
..... ?

2.5. Complete using the following:

I apologise I insist I promise I recommend

1. It's a nice day. ...**I suggest**... we go out for walk.
2. I won't tell anybody what you said.
3. (*in a restaurant*) You must let me pay for the meal.
4. for what I did. It won't happen again.
5. The new restaurant in Hill Street is very good. It.