

Lesson12 : SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE

I. RULES AND EXAMPLES

1. Repeated Actions

Use the Simple Present to express the idea that an action is repeated or usual. The action can be a habit, a hobby, a daily event, a scheduled event or something that often happens. It can also be something a person often forgets or usually does not do.

Examples:

1. Nurses look after patients in hospitals
2. I usually go away at weekends.
3. The earth goes around the sun.
4. The café opens at 7:30 in the morning.
5. It costs a lot of money to stay at luxury hotels.
6. She always forgets her purse.

2. Facts or Generalizations

The Simple Present can also indicate the speaker believes that a fact was true before, is true now, and will be true in the future. It is not important if the speaker is correct about the fact. It is also used to make generalizations about people or things.

Examples:

1. Cats like milk, but birds do not like milk
2. California is in America. It is not in United Kingdom.
3. Windows are made of wood.
4. Windows are made of glass.

3. Now (Non-continuous verbs)

Sometimes speakers use the Simple Present to express the idea that an action is happening or is not happening now. This can only be done with Non-continuous Verbs and certain Mixed Verbs.

Examples:

1. I am here now.
2. She is not here now.
3. Tim needs help right now.
4. He doesn't need help this time.
5. Ben has a car.
6. What does this word mean?

Two voices of simple present tense:

1. ACTIVE VOICE – the subject is the doer of the action (or the verb).
Example: Once a week, Tom cleans the car.
2. PASSIVE VOICE – the subject receives the action expressed in the verb.
Example: Once a week, the car is cleaned by Tom.

II. EXERCISES

2.1 Write these verbs + -s or -es:

Example: (read) She _____. Answer: She reads

1. (think) He _____ Answer:

_____.

2. (fly) It _____ Answer:

_____.

3. (dance) He _____ Answer:

_____.

4. (have) She _____ Answer:

_____.

5. (finish) It _____ Answer:

_____.

2.2 Complete the sentences. Choose the correct verb:

boil close cost cost like like meet open
speak teach wash

Example: Margaret _____ four languages.

Answer : Margaret speaks four languages.

Start here:

1. In Britain the banks usually _____ 9:30 in the morning.

IV. FREE TALKING

Talk about the technology in your country. What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of the technology nowadays? Do you see any emerging problem/s due to the rapid advance of technology today?



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