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Simple Present

1 We use the Simple Present:

- ▶ to talk about feelings and opinions:



I like pop music. I don't like classical music.
She loves lacrosse!
Philip wants a new car.
I don't want a cup of coffee, thanks.
He feels sick.

- ▶ to talk about thoughts:



I don't think she likes her new job.
I don't know the answer.
He doesn't understand me.

2 We form Simple Present questions like this:

QUESTIONS			
Singular	Do	I/you	} know?
	Does	he/she/it	
Plural	Do	we	} know?
	Do	you	
	Do	they	

Note that we put **do** before I/you/we/they:

Do you speak Spanish?
Do you work downtown?
Do they know the answer?

We put **does** before he/she/it:

Does he walk to work?
Does Steve enjoy his job?
Does she play the piano?

Note that we say:

Does he walk? (NOT ~~Does he walks?~~)

Practice

A Write the words from the box in the correct form. Use the Simple Present. Use each verb once.

ride see have not taste want enjoy drink not like

- ▶ He wants to work as a librarian, because he *enjoys*..... books.
- 1 Wow! You can the Northern Lights from here.
- 2 They love their dog, but they cats.
- 3 Is there sugar in this? I any.
- 4 Barry his snowmobile almost every day in the winter.
- 5 Let's invite Marcel to go with us. Do you his number?
- 6 My mom a cup of coffee before work every morning.
- 7 We to see your new apartment this weekend.

B Write sentences about Monique. (✓ = likes, ✓✓ = loves, X = does not like, XX = hates)

- ▶ (coffee X) *She doesn't like coffee.*.....
- ▶ (swimming ✓) *She likes swimming.*.....
- 1 (her job ✓✓) She
- 2 (cold weather XX) She
- 3 (reading ✓)
- 4 (basketball XX)
- 5 (mushrooms X)
- 6 (learning languages ✓✓)

C This is an interview with Chris Rampaul about himself and his brother, Ken. Write the questions, using the ideas from the box.

have any children	drink a lot of pop	play cards	work at a car factory
exercise often	live in Saskatchewan	play soccer	enjoy public speaking
like sailing	like travelling	live in an apartment	like scary movies
have a car	speak any foreign languages		

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
▶ <i>Do you work at a car factory</i> ?	~ No, I work in a restaurant.
▶ <i>Does Ken drink a lot of pop</i> ?	~ Yes, he drinks some every day.
1 ?	~ Yes, I sail very often in the summer.
2 ?	~ Yes, I like to play euchre.
3 ?	~ No, he lives in Manitoba.
4 ?	~ Yes, I have a small convertible.
5 ?	~ No, he doesn't play soccer.
6 ?	~ Yes, I can speak Italian and Spanish.
7 ?	~ No, he doesn't have any children.
8 ?	~ No, I prefer comedies.
9 ?	~ Yes, he goes to the gym very often.
10 ?	~ No, I hate speaking to large groups.
11 ?	~ Yes, I live in an apartment on Beech Street.
12 ?	~ No, he likes to stay at home.

D You are on vacation, and you are at a Tourist Information Centre. Ask questions using the table below.

A	B	C
Do	you	speaking English?
Does	the volcano	ever get cooler?
	the bus	become dangerous at night?
	the tour guides	sell maps of the city?
	that restaurant	require reservations?
	the temperature	erupt often?
	the locals	have a favourite bar?
	this area	stop in front of my hotel?

- ▶ *Do you sell maps of the city?*.....
- 1 the volcano
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

Present Progressive

- Look at these questions:
Are you enjoying that drink, Ann?
Is he watching TV at the moment?
Are they working hard?
- We form Present Progressive questions like this:

QUESTIONS		
Singular	Am I	} winning?
	Are you	
	Is she/he/it	
Plural	Are we	} winning?
	Are you	
	Are they	

- Here are two common Present Progressive questions. They both mean "How are you?":
How's it going?
How are you doing?



- We do not usually use the Present Progressive to talk about opinions or thoughts:
I like tennis. I know your sister. (NOT ~~*I'm liking tennis. I'm knowing your sister.*~~)

We do not usually use these verbs in the Present Progressive:

like	know	hate
love	understand	believe
mean	remember	want

- think and have:**
 - we cannot use **think** in the Present Progressive to express opinions:
I think he's nice. (NOT ~~*I'm thinking he's nice.*~~)
 - we can use **think** in the Present Progressive to talk about an action:
She's thinking about the movie.
 - we cannot use **have** in the Present Progressive to talk about possessions:
I have a ticket. (NOT ~~*I am having a ticket.*~~)
 - we can use it to talk about actions:
I'm having breakfast. He's having fun.

Practice

A Write questions by putting the words in parentheses () in the correct order.

- | | |
|---|--|
| ▶ (enjoying – your work – you – are – ?) | <i>Are you enjoying your work?</i> |
| 1 (making cookies – are – they – ?) | ..... |
| 2 (is – getting angry – your boss – ?) | ..... |
| 3 (playing well – am – I – ?) | ..... |
| 4 (your brother – is – leaving – ?) | ..... |
| 5 (they – are – singing – in the concert – ?) | ..... |
| 6 (we – are – moving – ?) | ..... |
| 7 (is – up north – he – skiing – ?) | ..... |
| 8 (is – visiting her cousin – she – ?) | ..... |
| 9 (having – are – dinner with Scott – we – ?) | ..... |
| 10 (speaking clearly – I – am – ?) | ..... |

B Write questions and answers. Use the Present Progressive.

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
▶ (she/work/in Peru this year?) <i>Is she working in Peru this year?</i>	~ (No, she/study/in Mexico) ~ <i>No, she's studying in Mexico.</i>
1 (they/speak/Japanese?)	~ (No, they/speak/Korean) ~
2 (you/read/right now?)	~ (Yes, I/read/great novel) ~
3 (Shea/run/in this blizzard?)	~ (No, he/nap/on the couch) ~
4 (you/write/email to Igor?)	~ (Yes, I/tell/him about my vacation) ~
5 (Claudia/dance/at the festival today?)	~ (No, she/work/at the information booth) ~

C Put a check (✓) next to a correct sentence, and an X (X) next to an incorrect sentence.

- ▶ She's liking pop music. X
- ▶ He's learning French. ✓
- 1 They're wanting to leave now.
- 2 I'm having a great time.
- 3 Your coffee is getting cold.
- 4 Paulo is believing everything he hears.
- 5 My dad is worrying about the weather.
- 6 She's walking through the field.
- 7 I am meaning to tell him the story.
- 8 We're painting the barn.
- 9 Yvonne is liking to ride horses.
- 10 He's knowing my history teacher.

D Complete this conversation. Use the verbs in parentheses () in the Present Progressive.

Emil: Hi, Jenna. What's up?

Jenna: (▶) *I'm going*..... (I/go) to my weekly cooking class.

Emil: That's great! I didn't know you liked to cook. (1)..... (you/enjoy) the classes?

Jenna: Of course. (2)..... (I/learn) a lot and, best of all, (3)..... (I/eat) lots of wonderful food.

Emil: And I'm sure (4)..... (you/meet) other people who love to cook! What (5)..... (you/make) this week?

Jenna: Our instructor (6)..... (teach) us how to make perfect Peking duck. (7)..... (I/look) forward to it! What (8)..... (you/do) tonight?

Emil: Well, Jimmy and I (9)..... (go) to a basketball game. Then (10)..... (we/go) to the blues bar on Queen Street where Jimmy's brother (11)..... (play) the saxophone.

Simple Present or Present Progressive

Compare the Simple Present and the Present Progressive:

- 1 We use the Simple Present to talk about facts (things which are true at any time):

Anna speaks good Mandarin.
Journalists write newspaper articles.
I come from Norway. (= I am Norwegian).

- 2 We use the Simple Present for situations that exist over a long time, and for actions that are repeated (e.g. people's habits, or events on a timetable):

Mike works for an advertising company.
He lives in Vancouver. (= His home is in Vancouver.)



Jane travels a lot for her job.
I play a lot of sports.

We can use words like **usually, often, every:**

We usually go out to dinner on weekends.
I often go to baseball games on Sundays.
The buses leave every hour.

- 3 We use the Simple Present with thinking and feeling verbs (e.g. **know, forget, notice, understand, recognize, remember, like, love, hate, want, prefer, need**):

I don't know which train to catch.

- 4 We use **have** in the Simple Present to talk about possession:

I have a new car.

We use **think** in the Simple Present to express opinions:

I think she's interesting.

We use the Present Progressive to talk about actions in progress at the time of speaking:

Anna's busy. She's speaking on the phone.
What are you writing? ~ A letter to Jane.
Look! The bus is coming.

We use the Present Progressive for things that continue for a limited period of time around now (e.g. vacations, visits, temporary jobs, school or university courses):

John is working in the US for six months.
He's living in New York.



Jane's travelling around Europe for a month.
I'm doing a one-year course in tourism.
We're painting the apartment.

We do not usually use the Present Progressive with thinking and feeling verbs:

NOT *I'm knowing someone who lives in Venice.*

We use **have** and **think** in the Present Progressive to talk about actions:

I'm having fun.
He can't come, he's having dinner at the moment.
I am thinking about my work.

Practice

- A Complete the sentences with the Simple Present (*I do*) or the Present Progressive (*I am doing*).

- ▶ I leave (leave) home at seven o'clock every morning.
 1 I (look) for a book about Aboriginal history, but I can't (find) the one I want.
 2 She (paint) a portrait of Maxine.
 3 Francisco (want) a new car but he doesn't (have) enough money.

- 4 I (call) her right now. Would you like to speak to her?
- 5 He (have) trouble with his math homework.
- 6 Can everyone (see) the statue from here?
- 7 Trent (try) to jump over the fence.
- 8 The bus usually (stop) right here. Why (it/drive) past us?
- 9 Kyle (invite) 70 people to his birthday party.
- 10 You (look) exhausted. You (work) too hard this week.

B This is Grace's first letter in English to Jerome. There are some mistakes in it. Cross out the incorrect verb forms and write in the correct form. Put a check (✓) if the form of the verb is correct.

Dear Jerome,

I am staying (▶)✓..... in an apartment in Vancouver. This city ~~is being~~ (▶)is..... on the west coast of Canada. Many interesting people live (1)..... here. Sometimes I meet (2)..... artists and musicians. When I am having (3)..... time, I talk to them about their work. People here are being (4)..... very friendly.

There are also mountains nearby, and I ski (5)..... whenever I can. I had never skied before coming to Canada, but I take (6)..... lessons right now and I am learning (7)..... quickly. Are you liking (8)..... to ski?

I love (9)..... Vancouver, but I miss everyone back home. I am wishing (10)..... you could all come here!

Take care,
Grace

C Write the sentences using the Simple Present or the Present Progressive.

▶ (Usually she/work/at the office, but this week she/work/at home)

~~Usually she works at the office, but this week she's working at home.~~.....

- 1 (I/smell/something spicy. Dad must/make/chili)
.....
- 2 (Wendy/have/an appointment this afternoon)
.....
- 3 (He/work/late again because he/have/an important meeting to prepare for)
.....
- 4 (You/speak/very loudly right now. Is your hearing okay?)
.....
- 5 (We/build/a snowman. You should come and help us!)
.....
- 6 (She/walk/to work every morning)
.....
- 7 (I/watch/my favourite TV show right now)
.....
- 8 (The wind/blow/the leaves everywhere)
.....