

## Grammar Unit 2:

### Present Simple Tense

#### Uses:

1. **Habitual actions or routines,**  
We **go** to school from Monday to Friday.
2. **Facts,**  
The moon **rotates** around the Earth.
3. **Timetables,**  
The plane **leaves** at 5 p.m.
4. **Likes/dislikes or opinions.**  
I **like** chocolate very much. In fact, I **love** it!

#### Structures:

( + ) Subject + **VERB IN PRESENT** + complements

I **do** my homework every day.

#### Special points:

1. If the subject is **HE / SHE / IT**, we add **-s** to the verb: work / works

My parents **work** in a supermarket.

My mum **works** in a bank.

2. If the subject is **HE / SHE / IT**, we add **-es** to the following verbs endings:

<b>-sh</b>	wash	washes
<b>-ch</b>	watch	watches
<b>-ss</b>	miss	misses
<b>-x</b>	mix	mixes
<b>-o</b>	go	goes

3. **-Y ending:**

If there is a **vowel** before **-y** ----- **-y** never disappears and we add **-s**: play / plays

If there is a **consonant** before **-y** ----- **-y** changes into **-i** and we add **-es**: cry / cries

4. If the verb finishes in **-e**, we only add **-s**.

dance / dances

( - ) Subject + **DO / DOES** + **not** + verb in **INFINITIVE** + complements  
3<sup>rd</sup> person singular      Verb never, never **-s!!!!!!!**  
He / She / It

**DO NOT = DON'T**

**DOES NOT = DOESN'T**

( ? ) [ Wh- QUESTIONS ] + **DO/DOES** + Subject + **INFINITIVE** + complements?  
3<sup>rd</sup> person singular      Verb never, never **-s!!!!!!!**  
He / She / It

## TIME MARKERS:

### Frequency adverbs:

Always	sempre
Usually	normalment
Often	sovint
Sometimes	de vegades
Hardly ever	gairebé mai
Never	mai

### Position:

We place these adverbs **before the verb** but if it is the **verb to be** after.

I **always** **do** my homework.

I **am** **always** happy.

### Other time expressions:

Every ...	week	cada ...	setmana
	month		mes
	year		any
	class		classe
	Monday (weekdays)		dilluns (dies de la setmana)
	(...)		

Once a ...	week	un cop / una vegada a la setmana
	month	al mes
	year	a l'any
	(...)	

**Twice a ... week  
month  
year  
(...)**

dos cops / dues vegades a la setmana  
al mes  
a l'any

**Three, four, ... times a day  
week  
month  
year  
(...)**

tres, quatre, .... cops al dia  
a la setmana  
al mes  
a l'any

**On Monday, Tuesday, (...) weekdays** : els dies de la setmana.

### **Position:**

We place these time expressions **at the end of the sentence** or, occasionally, **at the beginning with comma**.

I do my homework **every day**.

She does aerobics **on Tuesday and Friday**.

He is tired **every day**.

**On Tuesday and Friday**, he plays tennis with his friends.

**Every Sunday**, we have lunch at my grandparents' house.

**Once a year**, the dentist checks my teeth.

## EXAMPLES:

- ( + ) Your cousins **make** delicious pizzas every month.
- ( - ) Your cousins **don't make** delicious pizzas every month.
- ( ? ) **Do** your cousins **make** delicious pizzas every month?  
Yes, they do / No, they don't.
- ( ? ) **What do** your cousins **make** every month? ... **pizzas.**
- ( ? ) **When do** your cousins **make** delicious pizzas?... **every month.**

## He / She / It

### 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular

- ( + ) My father **works** in a bank every day.
- ( - ) My father **doesn't work** in a bank.
- ( ? ) **Does** your father **work** in a bank?  
Yes, she does / No, she doesn't.
- ( ? ) **Where does** your father **work** every day? ... **in a bank.**
- ( ? ) **When does** your father **work** in a bank? ... **every day.**