

Present Simple

The article 'Did you know?' is written in very simple language. Some grammar tenses such as Present Perfect and also the grammatical Passive Voice can be found in this article but it is mainly written in Present Simple and Past Simple which can be of great help to those readers who have just begun to enjoy English written materials. Here are some ideas of how to use Present Simple.

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:

- A flight attendant serves passengers in a flight.
- I usually go to church on Sundays.
- Banks open at 9 o'clock.

Verbs in Present Simple can have the following endings after the pronouns **he/she/it**.

Most verbs are followed by an **'s'**: Karen works**s** at a private school. The ending is **'-es'** when the verb ends in **/s/s/sh/ch/x/o**:

- Susan misses her mother.
- Paul washes his car every Saturday.
- Megan watches television after school.
- The earth goes round the sun.

If a word ends in **'y'** then **'y'** changes to **'ie'** before the ending **'s'**:

- Patrick studies English at school.
- Susan cries every time she watches romantic films.
- My dog always tries to catch its tail.

The exception to this rule is when verbs have a vowel before the **'y'** as in 'play', 'enjoy', 'buy'. In this case the verbs are just followed by an **'s'**.

- My daughter plays with dolls all the time.
- He enjoys spending time with his friends.
- Chris sometimes buys things online.

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

- Where do you live? Where does he/she live?
- I don't go out very often.
- She doesn't go jogging on cold days.
- What does she do for a living?
- I have a laptop but I don't use it much.