



Present Simple Tense — A1 exercises

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A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. She ____ in a hospital in Cardiff.
A) work B) works C) working D) is work
2. They ____ to work by bus every morning.
A) goes B) going C) go D) gos
3. He ____ television every evening.
A) watchs B) watches C) watchies D) watch
4. My sister ____ medicine at university.
A) studys B) studyes C) studies D) study
5. The film ____ at half past eight.
A) start B) starts C) starting D) is start
6. Which sentence is correct?
A) She don't like coffee. B) She doesn't likes coffee.
C) She doesn't like coffee. D) She not like coffee.
7. ____ your brother speak French?
A) Do B) Does C) Is D) Has
8. We ____ dinner at about seven o'clock.
A) has B) haves C) have D) having
9. He ____ his homework before dinner.
A) do B) dos C) does D) doing
10. Water ____ at one hundred degrees.
A) boil B) boils C) is boiling D) boiling

B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

1. My father _____ in a bank in the city. (work)
2. My neighbour _____ in the flat above us. (live)
3. She _____ the news every morning. (watch)

4. He _____ history at Manchester. (study)
5. The shop _____ at eight on weekdays. (open)
6. We _____ eat meat during the week. (negative)
7. My sister _____ drink coffee at all. (negative)
8. _____ your parents speak any English?

C. Sentence building

5 questions

Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.

1. office. / I / a / small / in / work

Describe your workplace, using the base form.

2. hospital. / at / She / the / local / works

Describe a woman's job, remembering the third-person ending.

3. the / They / near / old / live / bridge.

Say where several people have their home.

4. every / evening. / the / He / news / watches

Describe a man's nightly habit, using a -ch verb.

5. law / in / sister / Dublin. / My / studies

Describe a female relative's course and city.

Answer key

Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.

A. Multiple choice

1. **B) works** — A third-person singular subject adds -s to the verb in the present simple.
2. **C) go** — They is plural, so the verb takes no -s.
3. **B) watches** — A verb ending in -ch takes -es in the third person so the ending can be pronounced.
4. **C) studies** — A consonant plus -y becomes -ies: study, studies.
5. **B) starts** — The film is a singular third-person subject, so the verb takes -s.
6. **C) She doesn't like coffee.** — Doesn't already carries the -s, so the main verb goes back to its base form.
7. **B) Does** — Your brother is third person singular, so the auxiliary is does.
8. **C) have** — We is plural, so have takes no ending.
9. **C) does** — Do is irregular in the third person: he does.
10. **B) boils** — The present simple states general truths and scientific facts.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **works** — A third-person singular subject adds -s in the present simple.
2. **lives** — A third-person singular subject adds -s to the verb in the present simple.
3. **watches** — A verb ending in -ch takes -es in the third person.
4. **studies** — A consonant plus -y becomes -ies.
5. **opens** — The shop is a singular third-person subject, so the verb adds -s.
6. **don't** — We is plural, so the negative auxiliary is don't.
7. **doesn't** — A third-person singular subject takes doesn't, and the main verb goes bare.
8. **Do** — Parents is plural, so the question takes do.

C. Sentence building

1. **I work in a small office.**
2. **She works at the local hospital.**
3. **They live near the old bridge.**
4. **He watches the news every evening.**
5. **My sister studies law in Dublin.**