

## Present tense

### When do you use the tense:-

We use the present simple to talk about things you do every day and for things you like and don't like.

Positive		
I You We They	live eat come	in Delhi pasta from Chennai
She He It	lives eats comes	in Delhi pasta from Chennai



### Usage:

I live in Delhi  
They Come from Chennai

Negative			
I You We They	don't (do not)	live eat come	in Delhi pasta from Chennai
She He It	doesn't (does not)	live eat come	in Delhi pasta from Chennai

### Usage:

I don't eat pasta.  
They don't come from Chennai.

Questions		
Am	I	waiting for Namit? going to the office? watching a movie?
Are	you we they	
Is	he she it	

### Usage:

Are you going to the office?  
Is she watching a Movie?

Positive answers			Negative answers		
Yes	I	am	No	I	'm not (am not)
	You We they	are		You We they	aren't (are not)
	He She it	is		He She it	isn't (is not)

- When you speak, use short forms.
- Do not = don't
- Does not = doesn't
- Add an 's' to the verb with he, she, it.
- Examples:-

1. I love to paint. Do you?
2. He loves to paint. Does he?

### Activity: Who am I and What do I do in a day

**When:** during session

**How:** Using english language, write your short introduction and how your usual day looks like. You can include things like name, home town, hobbies and interests, strengths and weaknesses in your introduction.

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## Fill in the Blanks?

- 1) My Parents \_\_\_\_\_ (live/are living/have lived) near Chennai.
- 2) I \_\_\_\_\_ (am visiting/ have visited/visit) my friends twice a month.
- 3) Watch carefully. First I \_\_\_\_\_ (am taking/ take) a cucumber and \_\_\_\_\_ (cut/ am cutting) it into pieces.
- 4) I will call you if I \_\_\_\_\_ (get/ am getting/ have got) time.
- 5) How \_\_\_\_\_ (am/ do) I \_\_\_\_\_ (getting/ get) to the airport?

### Answers:

- 1) Live (We use the simple present to talk about permanent situations)
- 2) Visit (The simple present tense is used to talk about things that happen regularly)
- 3) Take, Cut (We use the simple present tense to talk about a series of actions that are completed as we speak)
- 4) Get (When the main verb is in the future tense, we use a simple present tense in the subordinate clause)
- 5) Do, get (The simple present tense is used when we ask for and give directions) <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://www.englishgrammar.org/present-tenses-exercise-2/>