

**The Present, Past and
Future
Simple tenses**

The Present Simple tense

Positive	Negative	Question
I/you/we/they <i>work</i>	I/you/we/they <i>don't work</i>	<i>Do</i> I/you/we/they <i>work?</i>
He/she/it <i>works</i>	He/she/it <i>doesn't work</i>	<i>Does</i> he/she/it <i>work?</i>

Time expressions

We often use the present simple with such adverbs of frequency as **always**, **never**, **often**, **sometimes** and **usually**, they normally go before the main verb.

I **always** watch TV after school. Sue **usually** has cereal for breakfast. She **often** arrives late for college. They **sometimes** have a match on Friday. They don't **often** forget their homework. We **never** give customers a refund.

The verb **to be** is exception. Adverbs of frequency go after the verb to be.

I am **always** at school before 08.00 Maths is **sometimes** quite difficult.

The Past Simple tense

Positive	Negative	Question
I/you/he/she/it/we/they <i>went, moved.</i>	I/you/he/she/it/we/they didn't (did not) go, move.	Did you/he/she/it/we/they <i>go, move?</i>

We use the past simple to talk about finished states, events and actions in the past.

Last year we **studied** the lives of the ancient Greeks in History.

Neil Armstrong **was** the first man to land on the moon.

Irregular verbs

Many common verbs have **irregular past forms**.

go - went have - had take - took

The verb **to be** has two past simple forms.

I / He / She / It **was** at school yesterday.

You / We / They **were** at school yesterday.

I / He / She / It **was not (wasn't)** at school yesterday.

You / We / They **were not (weren't)** at school yesterday.

Was I / he / she / it at school yesterday? – Yes, I / he / she / it **was**.

Were you / we / they at school yesterday? – Yes, you / we / they **were**.

The Future Simple Tense

+	I will phone you tonight
-	I won't phone you tonight
?	Will I phone you tonight?

We use **will** and **shall** to show our intentions and attitudes towards other people. We use **will** to express our desire or willingness to do things when

- reacting to present situations (making decisions at the moment of speaking).

I can't do this. Don't worry. I'll help you.

- making threats or promises.

The next time you do that I'll send you out of the room.

Good bye then. I'll phone you tomorrow to tell you what happened.

- making requests

Will you carry this for me, please?

Will you all be quiet?

We use shall with I and we in question forms to

- make a request for advice.

What shall I tell him?

Shall I take a coat?

- make a suggestion or an offer.

Shall we go to the cinema tonight?

Shall I phone you about the homework?

Exercise

1. I _____ (do) many things **every day.**
2. She _____ (cook) only **on Sundays.**
3. They _____ (have) a party **last Friday.**
4. We _____ (do) it **tomorrow.**
5. She _____ (write) that letter **2 weeks ago.**
6. He **usually** _____ (buy) modern clothes.
7. They _____ (write) a quick-test **next week.**
8. They **sometimes** _____ (break) their toys.
9. He _____ (go) to the party tonight.
10. The boy _____ (get) only good marks **last year.**

Choose the correct answer:

1. Nancy's uncle is a pilot. He _____ all over the world.

- A) goes B) sees C) travels D) delivers

2. She _____ from America.

- A) don't comes B) doesn't come C) doesn't comes D) does comes

3. _____ he sleep well?

- A) Has B) Have C) Do D) Does

4. She _____ a bus to university.

- A) always takes B) always take C) takes always D) take always

5. Geoffrey _____ French before, but he _____ at university now.

- A) study didn't / studies B) didn't study / study
C) did not study / studies D) didn't studied / studies

Choose the correct answer:

6. Where _____ she live in 1950?

- A) does B) is C) did D) do

7. Last year it _____ for three months, but it _____ just for two weeks.

- A) snows / rains B) snowed / rained
C) snowing / raining D) snow / raining

8. “Can I speak to Marco?” “Hold on. I _____ him.”

- A) got B) am going to get C) get D) will get

9. “Now, holidays. Where _____ this year?”

“We don’t know yet.”

- A) did you go B) you going C) will you go D) do you going

10. “My bag is so heavy.” “Give it to me. _____ it for you.”

- A) I’m going to carry B) I carry C) I’ll carry D) I carried