

# PRESENT SIMPLE TENSE

(Die Gegenwart)

**Usage:** We use the Present Simple Tense of the verb:

- For **facts (Tatsachen)**
- For **repeated or regular actions(wiederkehrende Handlungen)**
- For **habits / hobbies (Gewohnheiten /Freizeitbeschäftigungen)**
- For **general truths (allgemeine Wahrheiten)**

**Key words:** **often** (oft), **always** (immer), **never** (nie), **every day, month,...** (jeden Tag, Monat,...), **usually** (für gewöhnlich), **sometimes** (manchmal), **generally** (im allgemeinen), **normally** (gewöhnlich), **rarely** (selten), **seldom** (selten), **whenever** (wann auch immer), **on Mondays, Tuesdays,...** (an Montagen, Dienstagen,...)

**Main verbs:**

| <b>Positive</b>  | <b>Negative<br/>(VERNEINUNG)</b>   | <b>Interrogative<br/>(FRAGE)</b>   |
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| <b>I, YOU + PLURAL</b>   | <b>Subject +DON'T + VERB</b>   | <b>DON'T + VERB + subject</b>  |
| They <b>go</b> to school.<br>I <b>like</b> oranges.<br>We <b>hate</b> peppermint.<br>You <b>have</b> a cold. | They <b>don't go</b> to school.<br>I <b>don't like</b> oranges.<br>We <b>don't hate</b> peppermint.<br>You <b>don't have</b> a cold. | Don't they go to school?<br>Don't I like oranges?<br>Don't we hate peppermint?<br>Don't you have a cold? |
| <b>HE, SHE, IT + S</b>   | <b>DOESN'T + VERB</b>  | <b>DON'T + VERB + subject</b>  |
| He <b>wants</b> an ice-cream.<br>She <b>likes</b> hot dogs.<br>It <b>drinks</b> milk.                        | He <b>doesn't want</b> an ice cream.<br>She <b>doesn't like</b> hot dogs.<br>It <b>doesn't drink</b> milk.                           | Doesn't he want an ice cream?<br>Doesn't she like hot dogs?<br>Doesn't it drink milk?                    |

**Helping verbs (to be, to have) , modal verbs (can, must, may, should, would,...)**

**POSITIVE**

**I, YOU + PLURAL**

They are at home.

We are at school.

I'm not hungry.

We can swim.

I must go out.

**NEGATIVE**

**SUBJECT + VERB + NOT**

They **aren't** at home.

We **are not (isn't)** at school.

I **am not (I'm not)** hungry.

We **can not (cannot)** swim.

I **must not** go out.

**INTERROGATIVE**

**VERB + NOT + SUBJECT**

Aren't they at home?

Aren't we at school?

Am I not hungry?

Can't we swim?

Must I go out?

**He / She / It**

**VERB + NOT**

She is at school.

It is hungry.

He can sing.

She **is not (isn't)** at school.

It **is not (isn't)** hungry.

He **can not (can't)** sing.

Isn't she at school?

Isn't it hungry?

Can't he sing?