

Noticing Task 1

 Two old friends bump into each other in the supermarket after not seeing each other for years. Read their conversation, then answer the questions that follow.



Sara	Hi Jane, is that you? How have you been?
Jane	I am doing well. How about you? What is new with you?
Sara	I now live in Melbourne. I'm married and have one son. How about you?
Jane	I live in Riyadh. I am single and I study at a university there.
Sara	It's good to see you here in Melbourne. Do you always visit at this time of the year?
Jane	Yes I do. My family and I love visiting Melbourne.
Sara	That is good to hear. What do you do when you are here?
Jane	I usually wake up at 7 o'clock and walk in your beautiful parks.
	Jane Sara Jane Sara Jane Sara

In lines 3-4, what kind of information do the friends give each other? In lines 6 and 8, what kind of information does Jane give Sara?



Use Simple Present to:

Usage 1

Give personal information about yourself or someone



Describe your habit or routine

Ex. I walk a mile everyday. habit/routine

Ex. We leave for work at 7:30 AM every morning. routine

Ex. I usually wake up at 7 o'clock. routine

Ex. My husband reads the newspaper in the evening. habit

BORN: 22 July 1937

PERSONAL: Married to Elizabeth with

two sons

HIGHEST

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CAREER: Was previously an attorney

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and Global Reporting' Initiative chairman.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Bobotie, a South African dish

consisting of spiced minced meat baked with an eag-

based topping.

FAVOURITE PLACE: Cape Town, south Africa

HOBBY: Walking and watching good

cricket

VALUES: Doing the right thing and

doing the essential

INSPIRATION: Having the passion for what I do

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Rules

1. Rule 1. Singular noun takes a singular verb and plural noun takes a plural verb.

He, she, it walks you, they walk

- 2. Rule 2. When using "or" for compound subjects, the verb takes the number of the subject nearest to the verb.
- Ex. Sumaya or the children recite a poem in tonight's event.
- Ex. The children of Sumaya recites a poem in tonight's event.
- 3. Rule 3. Simple present for habits and routines is normally used with adverbs of frequency:

Always frequently often
Usually seldom rarely
Nowadays never every week/year
Sometimes occasionally from time to time
every now and then



Quick Practice 1

Complete the following sentences by using the words in the parentheses.

1. He (go)	_ to the gym on Mondays.
2. You never (arrive)	on time.
3. I seldom (go)	to the zoo.
4. Francis occasionally (drink)_	coffee.
5. Ron seldom (do)	his homework.
6. They (not / often / write)	stories.
7. Pierre (not /play)	tennis every week.
8. I (not / usually / listen)	to the news in the mornings.
9. They (spend)	their vacations in Canada every year?
10. He (always / wear)	a hat?





Noticing Task 2

 A teacher is teaching geography to her students.
 Read the conversation, then answer the questions which follow.



1	Teacher	Hi Jane, is that you? How have you been?
2	Al Anoud	Where is Paris Ms. Spence?
3	Teacher	Paris is the capital of France, which is located in Europe.
4	Eman	Do many people live there?
5	Teacher	Paris has a population of 8 million people.
6	Latifa	Paris is beautiful city and it is where the sun rises.
7	Teacher	Paris is truly beautiful Latifa but the sun rises in the east.
8	Latifa	Oh yes, right.

In lines 3 and 5, what kind of information Ms. Spence gives about Paris? Are the information the teacher provide true or false?



Usage 2

Use Simple Present to:

Talk about facts or opinions

We use the Present Simple to talk about universal truths (for example, laws of nature) or things we believe are, or are not, true (opinion). It's also used to generalize about something or somebody.

- Ex. Paris has a population of 8 million people. fact
- Ex. Barack Obama is the president of the United states. fact
- Ex. Victoria is located in southern Australia. fact
- Ex. Randa's house is more beautiful than Rawan's. opinion
- Ex. The Earth goes around the Sun. fact (universal truth)
- Ex. Dogs are better than cats. opinion/generalization
- Ex. Berlin is the capital city of Germany. fact
- Ex. Elephants don't fly. fact (universal truth)
- Ex. I think Liza is a good teacher. (opinion)





Quick Practice 2

Complete the following sentences by using the words in the parentheses.

1.	Sorry, but I	(feel) it's not the right time to do
	this.	
2.	I (no	ot/believe/do) that's true.
3.	The sun	(rise)every morning.
4.	Children	(grow) a little each year.
5.	Hurricane winds	s(blow) from 90 to 150
	miles per hour.	
6.	I (be	elieve) he's the best player of all time.
7.	I (not/do	think he'll do that.



Noticing Task 3

Read the conversations below then answer the questions which follow.







Saudi Arabia is ruled by a king.

John gets easily tired these days.

Melanie is excited about her vacation.

How is Saudi Arabia ruled?
Is John well?
How does Melanie feel about her vacation?

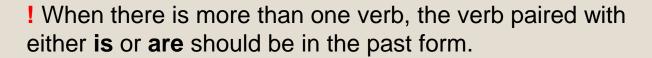


Usage 3

Use Simple Present to (express):

State (how something or some is)

- Ex. Saudi Arabia is ruled by a king.
- Ex. Bosnia is in war.



Condition

- Ex. Mike **gets** tired easily these days.
- Ex. The box is old.

Likes & dislikes, thoughts and feelings

- Ex. Jill **doubts** the truth of his statement.
- Ex. She deeply regrets complaining about her neighbor.



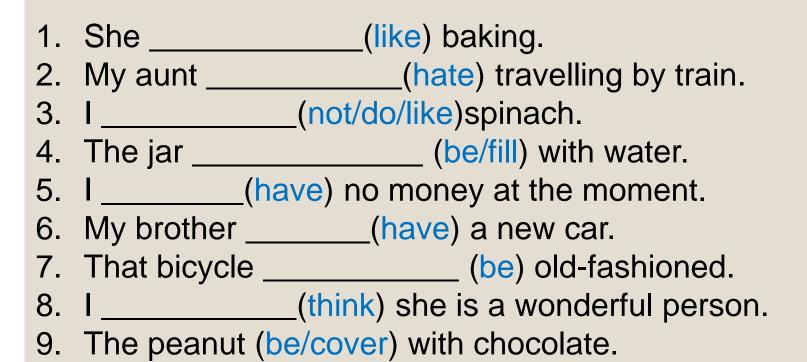






Quick Practice 3

Complete the following sentences by using the words in the parentheses.







3 Common Mistakes to Watch Out for

1. Remember, don't forget the -S for he/she/it.

Incorrect: * He go to an English skill workshop every Sunday.

Correct: He goes to an English skill workshop every Sunday.

2. Remember, if it is an action that started in the past, use either for or since.

Incorrect: * I know him 5 years.

You met him 5 years ago, and you have known him ever since. So:

Correct: I've known him for 5 years (present perfect form)

3. Remember to use the present continuous for actions that are temporary.

Incorrect: * At the moment, I stay in a hotel.

As you see this as a temporary period of time, use the present continuous:

Correct: I'm staying in a hotel.



