

PRESENT AFFIRMATIVE, NEGATIVE AND INTERROGATIVE

In the next section you are going to learn how to use the verbs in Simple Present tense. Pay attention to the next explanation.

The simple present tense is used to talk about an actual moment, something that happens in the present. For example:

- Activities that you normally do
- Events
- Instructions

The simple present tense is used for negative and positive sentences.

The rule is the next:

Remember that this rules applies only for: I, YOU, WE, THEY

POSITIVE I, YOU, WE, THEY

Subject + **Verb (base form)** + Complement

I + play + soccer

NEGATIVE I, YOU WE, THEY

Subject + Auxiliary Don't + **Verb (base form)** + Complement

I + don't + play + soccer

Simple Present in 3rd Person.

3rd person: He, She, It

You have to add the "S" at the end of every verb in infinitive to use the Simple Present in third person.

POSITIVE SHE, HE, IT

Subject + Verb (base form) + s + Complement

He + plays + soccer

For the negative form you have to use the auxiliary DOESN'T

NEGATIVE SHE, HE, IT

Subject + Auxiliary Doesn't + Verb (Infinitive) + Complement

He + doesn't + play + soccer

REMEMBER: there are Irregular Verbs, which change their last letter in order to add the "S" in third person.

Example:

- Fly-Flies
- Go-Goes

Pay attention to the following verbs, how this verbs change their form.

Have

I, You, We, They

Affirmative: I have a cake

Negative: I do not have a cake

Question: Do I have a cake?

Have

She, He, It

Affirmative: She has a cake

Negative: She does not have a cake

Question: Does she have a cake?

Be

I

Affirmative: I am from México

Negative: I am not from México

Question: Am I from México?

Be

She, He, It

Affirmative: He is from México

Negative: He is not from México

Question: Is he from México?

Be

We, You, They

Affirmative: We are from México

Negative: We are not from México

Question: Are we from México?

Do

I, You, We, They

Affirmative: I do the homework

Negative: I do not do the homework

Question: Do I do the homework?

Do

She, He, It

Affirmative: She does the homework

Negative: She does not do the homework

Question: Does she do the homework?

Modal auxiliaries can, could, may, must, need, will etc.

affirmative sentence

negative sentence

question

every time regardless the subject (I, he, she, it, we, you, they):

I **can play** tennis.

I **cannot play** tennis.

Can I play tennis?

NOTE: We can substitute **don't (can't)** for **do not (cannot)**.

Modals have the same form every time regardless the subject. We do not add an -s to the infinitive.

