

Simple Present Tense

Simple present is also known as present simple and present indefinite.

The simple present tense expresses an action in the present that takes place once, never, or several times. Present simple is also used to express actions that take place one after another and for actions that are set by a schedule or timetable. The simple present also expresses facts in the present.

To Be

- **Am** is used with the personal pronoun I
- **Is** is used with the personal pronouns he, she or it (or with the singular forms of nouns)
- **Are** is used with the personal pronouns we, you or they (or with the plural form of nouns)

For example: I **am** thirsty, He **is** hungry, they **are** crazy.

	Affirmative	Negative	Question
I	I am good.	I am not good.	Am I good?
He/She/It	He is good.	He is not good.	Is he good?
You/We/They	You are good.	You are not good.	Are you good?

To Have

- Have is used with the personal pronouns I, you, we and they (or with the plural forms of nouns).
- Has is used with the personal pronouns he, she, it (or with singular forms of nouns)

Example: I have a cat or I have got a cat,

Have got is usually used in British English. You can also use "have" on its own without got (American English). However, in this case you must form negative sentences and questions with the auxiliary verb "do".

	Affirmative	Negative	Question
I, You, We, They	I have got a hen. / I have a hen.	I have not got a hen. / I do not have a hen.	Have I got a hen? / Do I have a hen?
He, She, It	He has got a hen. / He has a hen.	He has not got a hen. / He does not have a hen.	Has he got a hen? / Does he have a hen?

Other Verbs

- The infinite verb **learn** is used with the personal pronouns **I, you, we and they**. (or with the plural form of nouns)
- The verb +s **learns** is used with the personal pronouns **he, she and it**. (or with the singular form of noun)

	Affirmative	Negative	Question
I, You, We, They	I learn English.	I do not learn English.	Do I learn English?
He, She, It	He learns English.	He does not learn English.	Does he learn English?

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The auxiliary verb "**do**" is used in the negative sentences and questions.

The 3rd person singular of **do** is **does**. This means that in negative sentences and questions the "**S**" of the main verb is placed behind **do**.

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