

# The Present Simple Tense

## Adverbs of Frequency

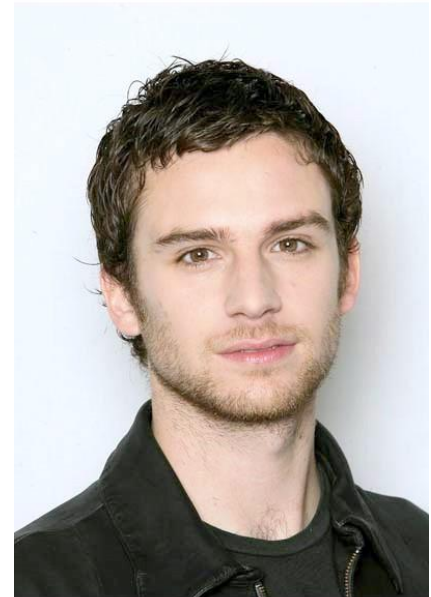
# This is Darren.

He lives in London.

He is a writer.

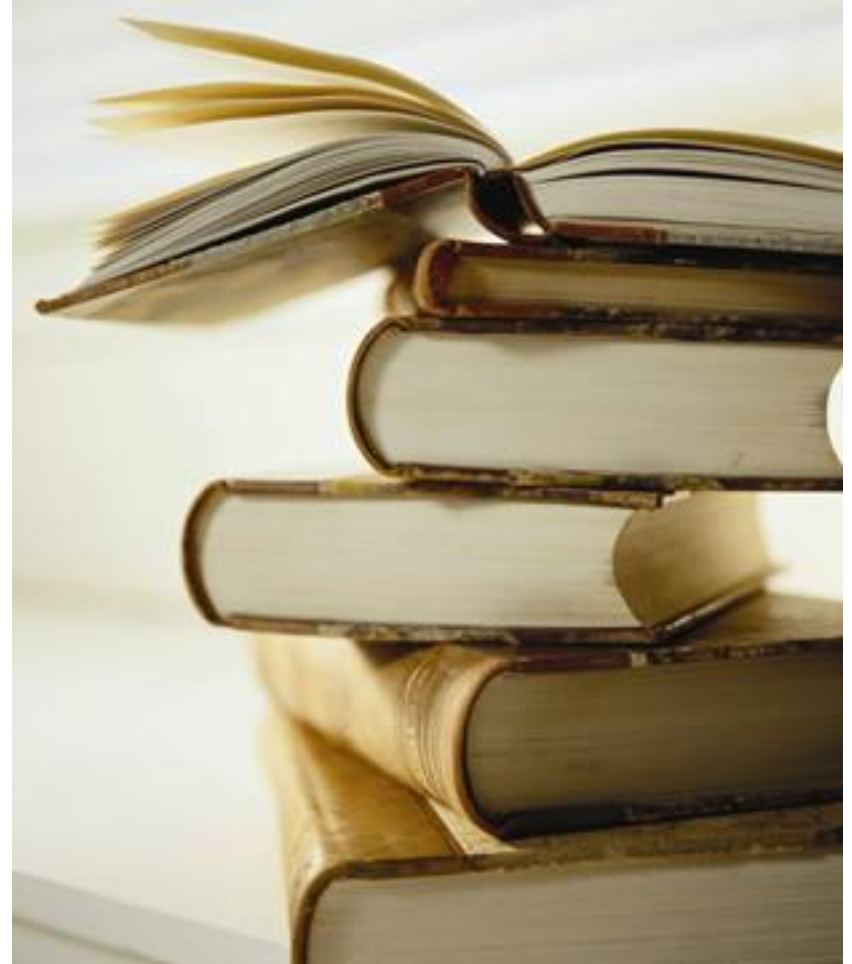
He works at home.

His books are not bestsellers,  
so he is not very rich.



He works a lot, and in his free time he listens to classical music and reads books.

Darren likes dogs, but doesn't have a pet.



He watches football, but has no friend to discuss matches and goals.



His flat is lovely, but very expensive. That's why he needs a roommate.



So one day he goes to [www.findaroommate.com](http://www.findaroommate.com) and sees Tim.



Tim is a perfect roommate!

Just look at his ad:

“Hi! I’m Tim. I’m looking for a flat.  
I’m a good guy, friendly and honest.  
I cook and clean.  
In my free time I listen to music or  
watch football.  
I have a dog, but don’t worry – he is  
very nice and I walk him myself, no  
problems!”

Now Tim is Darren's roommate.  
They have a contract for 12  
months.

**IS DARREN HAPPY?**

**NO, HE ISN'T!!!!!!**



why!?

Because it's **important** to  
know **WHAT** people do, but  
it's **very important** to know  
**HOW OFTEN**  
people do it.

# ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY

always	100%
often	
sometimes	
usually	
rarely	
never	0%

I **drink** coffee.

HOW OFTEN DO YOU DRINK COFFEE?

I **always** **drink** coffee.

I **never** **drink** coffee.

I don't **usually** **drink** coffee.

Do you **sometimes** **drink** coffee?

**ADVERB + VERB**

And what about  
Darren and Tim?



Tim **always** listens to  
music.

Rap-music...

Day and night...



So Darren can not write his book  
now.

Tim **often** meets  
with his friends...



in Darren's flat.

Tim **usually** watches football,

when Darren tries to sleep.





Tim  
sometimes cooks,

but he never  
washes the  
dishes.



He **rarely** pays for the flat,

because he **always**  
has problems with  
money.



And Tim **never** walks his dog!

Darren **always**  
does it!!!



Darren is very unhappy.

He made a big mistake.



# REMEMBER!

Adverbs of frequency are important.

They can change your life!

**often**

**always**

**never**

**usually**

**rarely**

**sometimes**