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EPS101



Unit 1

Lesson 2

Nouns: Proper & Common Nouns

Simple Present



A *noun* is a person, place or thing.

Nouns can be **proper nouns** or **common nouns**.

- A proper noun is the name of a person, place or thing. Proper nouns are always capitalized.
- A common noun is a word for any person, place or thing. Common nouns are usually only capitalised at the beginning of the sentence.



Note: Many proper nouns have more than one word. Small words such as *the* and *of* are not usually capitalised in proper nouns.

Chicago



I like the name of my city, Chicago. The city is in the state of Illinois in the United States of America. The name comes from the Native Americans. The Algonquins lived on the Chicago River. The word chigagou comes from their language. It means field of onions. A long time ago, onions grew next to the river and Lake Michigan. I like the name because it is interesting. There is no other place in the world with the same name.



There are three main ways to use the simple present.

- Use the simple present to talk about facts, definitions, or general truths.
Linda means pretty in Spanish. Her name is nice.
- Use the simple present to describe habits or routines, or things that happen again and again.
*They **don't** drive to work. They **take** the bus.*
- Use the simple present to describe states and feelings (with verbs such as be, have, and like).
*She **has** a BlackBerry. She **likes** electronics.*



The simple present can also be used to give and ask for instructions.

Examples: When you get to the office you *go* up to the first floor, you *knock* on the first door on the right and you *ask* for Mrs. Alstone.
OK?

We sometimes use simple present to talk about the future. This happens mostly when we talk about timetables, routines, and schedules.

Examples: Next term *starts* on the 6th of April.
What time *does* the bus arrive to York? My train *leaves* at 6 p.m.



In other cases we don't use the simple present in simple sentences to talk about the future.

Examples:

Lucy's *coming* for a drink this evening (NOT Lucy comes...)

I'll *phone* you - I promise (NOT I phone you...)

There's the doorbell. I'll *go* (NOT I go...)



We use the present simple for things that are true in general, or for things that happen sometimes or all the time.

I **like** big cities.

Your English is good. You **speak** very well.

Tim **works** very hard. He **starts** at 7.30 p.m. and **finishes** at 8 p.m.

always / never / often / usually / sometimes + present simple

She always **gets** to work early. (not She gets always)

I never **eat** breakfast. (not I eat never)

We often **go** away at weekends.



Remember:

he workss / she livess / it rainss

Examples:

I **work** in a shop. My brother **works** in a bank (not My brother work)

Lucy **lives** in London. Her parents **live** in Scotland.

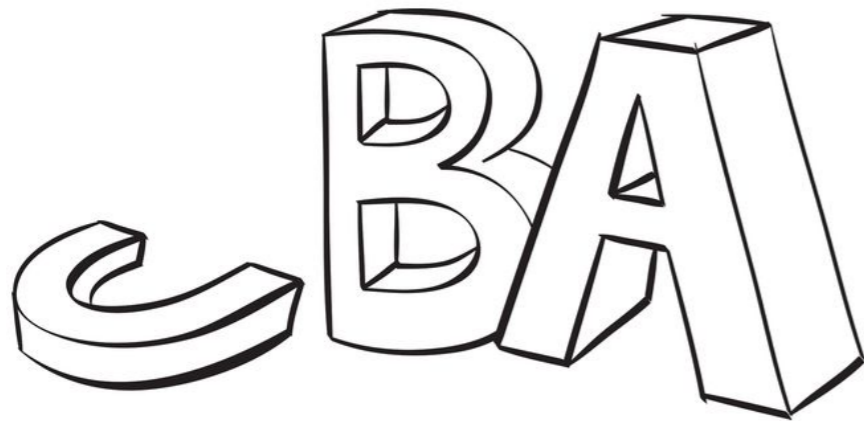
It **rains** a lot in winter.

I **have** - he/she/it **has**:

John **has** a shower every day.



Spelling



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- es after -s : pass - **passes**
- es after -sh: finish - **finishes**
- es after -ch: watch - **watches**
- y to -ies: study - **studies**, try - **tries**
- Also:* do - **does**, go - **goes**



Simple present statements

| Affirmative | | Negative | |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------|---|
| I | like blackberries. | I | do not like apples. |
| You | | You | |
| He | gets some attention | He | does not get a lot of attention. |
| She | | | |
| It | | | |
| We | live in a big city. | We | do not live in a big city. |
| You | | | |
| They | | | |



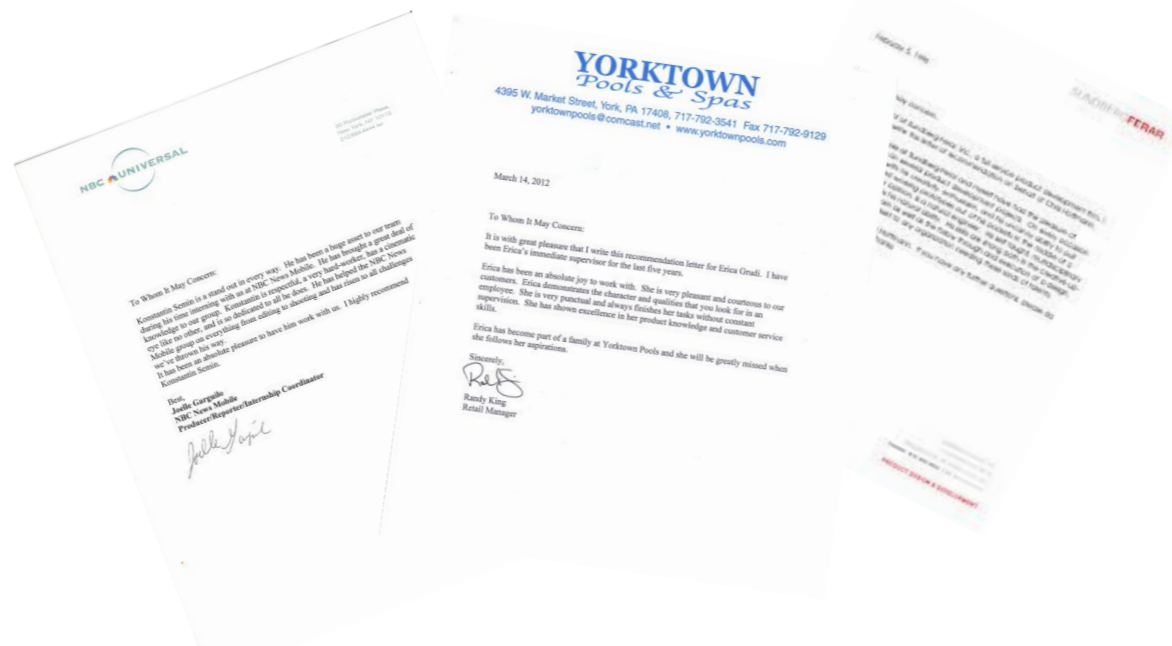
Simple present statements with *be*

| Affirmative | Negative |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| I am tall. | I am not short. |
| You are a grandfather. | You are not young. |
| He She It is at work. | He She It is not at home. |
| We You are sisters. They | We You are not cousins. They |



Note: Contractions (short forms) with be and do are common in informal written language and in spoken language.

| Affirmative | Negative |
|------------------------------|---|
| I am = I'm is = 's are = 're | I am not = I'm not is not = isn't or 's not are not = aren't or 're not do not = don't does not = doesn't |



Simple present statements with *have*

| Affirmative | | Negative | |
|-------------|---------------------------------|----------|--|
| I | have a nice name. | I | do not have a generation name. |
| You | | You | |
| He | has a good product. | He | does not have a big company. |
| She | | She | |
| It | | It | |
| We | have the same last name. | We | do not have the same first names. |
| You | | You | |
| They | | They | |



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| do | I we you they | work? like? do? have? |
| does | he she it | |



do/ does + subject + infinitive

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|--|--|--|---|--|
| Where How often What How much | Do Do Does do do does does | you your friends Chris your parents you this word it | work live play live? wash mean? cost | on Sundays? near here? tennis? your hair? to fly to Rome? |
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Questions with always/usually/often:

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| What | Do Does do | you Chris you | always often usually | have phone do | breakfast? you? at weekends? |
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|------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Yes, | I / we / you / they | do. |
| | he / she / it | does |
| No, | I / we / you / they | don't. |
| | he / she / it | doesn't. |



‘Do you play tennis?’ *‘No, I don’t.’*

‘Do your parents speak English?’ *‘Yes, they do.’*

‘Does Gary work hard?’ *‘Yes, he does.’*

‘Does your sister live in London?’ *‘No, she doesn’t.’*



Class activities & exercises.

