



Present Simple

The present simple tense has these uses:

It is used to talk about your habits:

*I go to work at 8 o'clock.
I catch the bus every day.*

It is used to describe factual information—things that are true:

*Postal workers deliver mail.
Nurses work in hospitals.*

It is used to describe things that are true for a long time:

*I work for Australia Post.
I live in Brisbane, Australia.*



Present Simple Forms - Positive

I **like** chocolate.
We **like** chocolate.
You **like** chocolate.
They **like** chocolate.
He/she/it **likes** chocolate.

Present Simple Forms - Negative

I **do not like** chocolate.
We **do not like** chocolate.
You **do not like** chocolate.
They **do not like** chocolate.
He/she/it **does not like** chocolate.

Present Simple Forms - Question

Do I like chocolate?
Do we like chocolate?
Do you like chocolate?
Do they like chocolate?
Does he/she/it like chocolate?

Exercise

Fill the gaps in the sentences with the verbs in the brackets. Put each verb in the simple present tense.

Kate 1. _____ (**live**) in a small house with her husband, Richard, and their dog, Spot. Every day Adrian, their postman, 2. _____ (**deliver**) the mail. Spot 3. _____ not _____ (**like**) Adrian. Spot 4. _____ (**wait**) by the mailbox every day. Adrian 5. _____ (**deliver**) the mail on his motorbike. When Adrian 6. _____ (**go**) to the mailbox, Spot 7. _____ (**bark**) at him. Spot sometimes 8. _____ (**chase**) Adrian.

Adrian sometimes 9. _____ (**phone**) Kate and Richard. He 10. _____ (**tell**) them about Spot. Then they 11. _____ (**say**) sorry to Adrian. They 12. _____ (**shut**) Spot in the house. Then Spot 13. _____ (**feel**) sad, but Adrian 14. _____ (**feel**) happy.

Kate is my friend. I often 15. _____ (**phone**) her. We 16. _____ (**talk**) about Spot. I 17. _____ (**like**) Spot, but I 18. _____ (**feel**) sorry for Adrian.

Answers

1. lives, 2. delivers, 3. does not like, 4. waits, 5. delivers, 6. goes, 7. barks, 8. chases, 9. phones, 10. tells, 11. say, 12. shut, 13. feels, 14. feels, 15. phone, 16. talk, 17. like, 18. feel.

