

INTRODUCING OURSELVES AND DESCRIBING PEOPLE AND PLACES

When we meet new people we usually describe our personality, we talk about our family and friends, about our preferences, hobbies and routines. Sometime we describe our town or city and we tell them what we do in our free time.

To write or to speak about all that you need the present simple tense in English and the vocabulary related to personality and family and also free time activities vocabulary.

PRESENT SIMPLE

• USE

1. Habits and routines (things that we repeat with certain frequency)
2. Timetables (TV shows, trains and public transports...)
3. Preferences, likes and dislikes.
4. General truths, things that we do not expect to change

(i.e. Lions eat meat → it is not probable that in the future Lions stop eating meat and start eating grass)

• FORM

Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
Verb + s/es * (He, she, it)	don't/ doesn't after the subject	Do/ Does Before the subject

**Verbs ending in s, sh, ss, x, ch or o add es to the verb. (i.e misses, finishes, mixes, watches, goes, does)*

• TEMPORAL EXPRESSIONS: this tense appear with the following expressions

Adverbs of frequency (after the subject)	Time expressions (at the beginning or the end)
Always , Often , Usually, Sometimes Rarely, Hardly, Never	On Mondays , On Fridays Every Summer, weekend, month Once a week, Twice a month, everyday

DESCRIBING PHOTOS

DESCRIBING WHAT IS HAPPENING

When we describe photographs or situations we usually explain what people are doing in them. We also need this tense when we describe actions that are not finished.

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

• USE

1. Actions that are happening right now. (I'm reading right now)
2. Future actions with a date or time. (Next Saturday I'm having a party).
3. Things that are in progress, that is that have not finished. (I'm watching a very interesting serial on Antena 3.)

• FORM

Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
Verb to be (am-is-are) + ING	Am not Isn't Aren't + ING	Am/Is/Are + Sujeto + ING

• TEMPORAL EXPRESSIONS: this tense appear with the following expressions

Happening right now	Things that are not finished	Future
Now At the moment Right now Listen; Look!	This week, month, year Today	Tomorrow Tonight Next Saturday In a few days