

المضارع البسيط Present simple

(I do)

A Study this example situation:

Alex is a bus driver, but now he is in bed asleep.

He is not driving a bus. (He is asleep.)

but He drives a bus. He is a bus driver.

drive(s), work(s), do(es) etc. is the present simple:

I/we/you/they	drive/work/do etc.
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he/she/it	drives/works/does etc.
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- We use the present simple to talk about things in general.
- We use it to say that something happens all the time or repeatedly, or that something is true in general:
 - Nurses look after patients in hospitals.
 - I usually go away at weekends.
 - The earth goes round the sun.
 - The cafe opens at 7.30 in the morning.

We say:

I work	but he works	you go	but it goes
they teach	but my sister teaches	I have	but he has

C Uses of the simple present tense: I work/he works

There are seven basic uses of the simple present tense We use it for:

1 - **Permanent truths:** *Summer follows spring. Gases expand when heated.*

2 - **'The present period'** (= 'this is the situation at present'): *My sister works in a bank.*

3 - **Habitual actions:** *I get up at 7. I sometimes stay up till midnight.*

4 - **Future reference** (for timetables, etc.): *The concert **Degins** at 7.30 next Friday evening.*

5 - **Observations and declarations:** *I hope so. It says here that I love you. I hate him.*

6 - **Instructions:** *First you weigh the ingredients.*

7 - **Commentaries:** *Becker serves to Lendl.*

Give the correct form of the simple present of each verb:

Water at 100°C. (boil)	She never.....up very early. (get)
Hot air (rise)	I occasionally.....meat. (eat)
My uncle in a factory. (work)	The coach.....at 6 this evening. (leave)
John and Sue glasses. (wear)	The concert.....at 7 next Friday. (start)
The children a lot of sweets. (eat)	I.....Barcelona won again. (see)
He only at weekends. (work)	It's not right, you (know) — I..... (agree)
I always out on Saturdays. (go)	Can he manage? — I.....so. (hope)
She to London once a week. (drive)	It.....in the paper it'll be hot. (say)

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works	leaves
wear	starts
eat	see
works	know agree
go	hope
drives	says

c - Verbs that have stative or dynamic uses:

I'm weighing myself. (a deliberate action: present progressive tense)

I weigh 65 kilos. (a state) (Not 'I'm weighing 65 kilos.

There are five groups of stative verbs referring to:

a - feelings [like, love, etc.);

b - thinking/believing [think, understand, etc.)

c - wants \ want, prefer, etc.)

d - perception [hear, see, etc.

e - being/having/owning [appear, seem, belong, etc.

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5a I prefer fish to meat.

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7a Why is he smelling his coffee?

8a She's weighing herself again.

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