

Unit 20: PRESENT SIMPLE — USE

This formation means ‘not past’. It includes ‘here and now’, but it does not usually tell exactly when.

1 Everyday life and habits

EXAMPLES: Where **does** he **live**?
She **wears** expensive clothes.
She **doesn't work** in an office.
We **do** not **work** on Fridays.
Do you **play** tennis?

2 Facts about the world

EXAMPLES: Money **doesn't grow** on trees.
It never **rains** in the summer.
Britain **lies** off the north-west coast of Europe.
Does Brazil **export** cocoa?

3 Feelings and thoughts

EXAMPLES: How many languages **do** you **know**?
I believe in God.
She **doesn't like** coffee.

4 Characteristics

EXAMPLES: These flowers **smell** nice.
My car **doesn't go** very fast.

5 Instructions

EXAMPLES: You **cook** it for five minutes, and then you **put** the onions in.

6 Future arrangements

EXAMPLES: The World Cup **begins** tomorrow.
The course **ends** in two weeks.

NOTICE: Present simple or present continuous or present perfect? (Unit 39)