

Unit 19: PRESENT SIMPLE — FORMATION

This formation is very important because we use it very often. The next unit tells you when you can use it. This unit shows you how to form it.

1 Affirmative statements

a -S FORM

Use the -s form (Unit 14) for 3rd person singular (Unit 2):

EXAMPLES: My boss **works** in the office.
The office **gets** really busy in the morning.
He **has** two quads.

b BASE FORM

Use the **base** form for all other persons:

EXAMPLES: I **live** at the hotel.
We **travel** by bus.
They **have** four work trucks.

2 Negative statements

a does not + BASE FORM

Use **does not** + **base** form for 3rd person singular:

EXAMPLES: He **does not live** at the hotel.
It **does not go** very fast.
She **does not have** a snowmobile.

b do not + BASE FORM

Use **do not** + **base** form for all other persons:

EXAMPLES: I **do not work** there.
We **do not go** by snowmobile.
They **do not have** a surveyor.

NOTICE: In speaking, we usually say **doesn't** or **don't**. (Unit 11)

3 Questions

a does + BASE FORM

Use **does** + **base** form for 3rd person singular:

EXAMPLES: **Does he work** hard?
 When **does it open**?
 Does it rain often?

b do + BASE FORM

Use **do + base** form for all other persons:

EXAMPLES: **Do they work** hard?
 When **do we leave**?
 What **do you think**?

NOTICE: Do not use **do** for a subject question. (Unit 10)