

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** blue safety coveralls.
She **doesn't work** in an office.
We **do** not **work** on Sundays.
Do you **play** tennis?

2 Facts about the world

EXAMPLES: Money **doesn't grow** on trees.
It never **rains** in the summer.
The United States **buys** a lot of the oil produced in Alberta.
Does Sweden **create** more wind power than Alberta?

3 Feelings and thoughts

EXAMPLES: How many languages **do** you **know**?
I **miss** my family.
He **doesn't miss** his family.

4 Characteristics

EXAMPLES: These diesel trucks **are noisy**.
My car **doesn't go** very fast.

5 Instructions

EXAMPLES: You **turn** the key and **wait** until the glow plugs are **lit**.

6 Future arrangements

EXAMPLES: The next spread **begins** tomorrow.
The course **ends** in two weeks.

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