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**The Present Simple**

→ Consider the following sentences:

**1**• The water boils at 100° 🡺 General Truth

-Living things maintain order inside their cells and bodies.

**2**• I brush my teeth twice a day 🡺 A repeated action in the present.

-I always drink milk in the morning.

**3**• The plane flies to Paris tomorrow 🡺 fixed arrangement/ scheduled event

-I have French class on Monday.

**4**• Everyday, I wake up at 7; I have my breakfast; then, I go to school 🡺 Sequence of actions in the present

-When I come back from school, I switch on my computer; I check my e-mails, then I play video games.

**The rule:**

We use the present simple to talk about:

1/ General truths.

2/ Repeated actions in the present.

3/Fixed arrangements/ scheduled events.

4/Sequence of actions in the present.

**The structure:**

Affirmative: sub+stem(s)+obj…

Negative: sub+do/does not+stem

Interrogative: do/does+ sub+stem.+ ?

**NB: sometimes with “wh” questions, there is no inversion of subject and auxiliary**

Eg: Who plays the guitar? Whose pen is this?

* We add “es” to the verbs that end with “sh, ch, x, ss, o”

Watch 🡪 watches

Wash 🡪 washes

Go🡪 goes

Box🡪 boxes

Miss🡪 misses

With the 3rd person singular, when we have a vowel before “y” we add only “s”. But, when we have a consonant, we add “ies”

Eg: play 🡪 plays study 🡪 studies

**Activity 1:** Put the verbs between brackets in the correct tense:

-Biology (to be) the scientific study of living things including humans, animals, and plants.

-Biology (to come) from the two Greek words: bio which (to mean) life, and logy meaning

“the study of”.

-She (to have) a big apartment.

-Dogs (to be) good friends.

-Cats (to drink) milk.

- The sun (rises) in the east.

-They (have) a wedding next week.

**Activity 2:**

-Write a sentence that expresses a general truth.

-Write a sentence that expresses a fixed arrangement.

-Write a sentence that expresses a repeated action.