

# Unit 1

## Present Tense

# Test Yourself : Match sentences in Column A with the right tenses in Column B.

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|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|
| 1. He comes from Thailand.            | _____ | a. Present Simple (affirmative) |
| 2. Is he always late to the class?    | _____ | b. Present Perfect Simple       |
| 3. It's raining outside at the moment | _____ | c. Present Perfect Continuous   |
| 4. It has been raining all morning.   | _____ | d. Present Continuous           |
| 5. It hasn't rained yet.              | _____ | e. A. Present Simple (question) |
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# 1.1 Present Simple

## FORM

### Affirmative

|  |             |                                       |
|--|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| I  | am          | a student.                            |
|  | work        | at Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University. |
| You  | are         | students.                             |
| We   |             |                                       |
| They   | work        | at Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University. |
| The teachers<br>(A plural noun)                        |             |                                       |
| He   | is<br>works | at Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University. |
| She  |             |                                       |
| It   |             |                                       |
| The teacher<br>(A singular noun / An uncountable noun) |             |                                       |

# Negative

|  |                            |  |
|--|----------------------------|--|
| <b>I</b>   | <b>am not</b>              | <b>a student.</b>                        |
|  | don't (do not)<br>work     | at Suan Sunandha Rajabhat<br>University. |
| <b>You</b><br><b>We</b><br><b>They</b><br><b>The teachers</b><br><b>(A plural noun)</b>                                | aren't (are not)<br>work   | students.                                |
|  | don't (do not)<br>work     | at Suan Sunandha Rajabhat<br>University. |
| <b>He</b><br><b>She</b><br><b>It</b><br><b>The teacher</b><br><b>(A singular noun /</b><br><b>An uncountable noun)</b> | doesn't (does not)<br>work | at Suan Sunandha Rajabhat<br>University. |

# Yes/No Questions and short answers

| Questions  |   |                  | Short answers  |                           |
|------------|---|------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Am</b>  | I   | good at English? | Yes, you are   | No, you're not. / aren't. |
| <b>Are</b> | you   | good at English? | Yes, I am.     | No, I'm not.              |
|            | we  |                  | Yes, we are.   | No, we're not (aren't)    |
| <b>Are</b> | they  | good at English? | Yes, they are. | No, they're not.          |
|            | the teachers<br>(A plural noun)                           |                  |                |                           |
| <b>Is</b>  | he  | good at English? | Yes, s/ he is. | No, s/ he is not. (isn't) |
|            | she   |                  | Yes, it is.    | No, it's not. (isn't)     |
| <b>Is</b>  | it  | good at English? |                |                           |
|            | the teacher<br>(A singular noun /<br>An uncountable noun) |                  |                |                           |



# Wh-Questions and answers

| Questions |     |        | Answers                   |
|-----------|-----|--------|---------------------------|
| What      | are | these? | These are tropical birds. |
|           | is  | this?  | It is a tropical birds    |

| Questions |      |                   | Answers                      |
|-----------|------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| What      | do   | these words mean? | They mean 'zero' in English. |
|           | does | this word mean?   | It means 'zero' in English.  |

# USE



Past

Now

Future

# The present simple is used for

1. facts or things that always happen.

*Ex. The sun rises in the East.*

2. routines and habits.

*Ex. We always get up at 5 o'clock in the*

3. ~~timetable~~ <sup>morning</sup> events.

*Ex. The first subway from Bang Sue to Hua Lamphong station leaves at 6 o'clock every day.*

4. plots of films, stories and plays.

*Ex. At the party, the Beast gracefully dances with the Beauty*

## Exercise 1 Write the correct Present Simple form of the verb in brackets.

1. Mark drives (drive) to work, but his sister walks (walk) to her office.
2. Jeff always buys (buy) his food in the supermarket near his house.
3. Susan likes (like) Geography and English; she always receives (receive) good scores in her exam.
4. Tao and I live (live) in Phuket, but we work (work) in Bangkok.
5. For breakfast, I usually have (have) cereal with milk.
6. My father is (be) a teacher, but my brother and I want (want) to be architects.
7. The train to Chiang Mai leaves (leave) at 8pm from Bangkok.
8. This problem occurs (occur) very often.
9. Our grandmother reads (read) a newspaper every morning.
10. She sometimes arrives (arrive) at work late due to the heavy traffic.

## Exercise 2 Complete the sentence with the negative form of the verb in brackets. Use contractions.

1. I don't think (think) that's a good idea.
2. It doesn't snow (snow) in Thailand.
3. Ruth doesn't know (know) the answer to the questions.
4. Mary doesn't like (like) people who smoke.
5. The sun doesn't rise (rise) in the West.
6. Tom isn't (be) good at English.
7. Bill doesn't always play (play) tennis, it isn't (be) his favorite sport.
8. Jenny and Jack don't drink (drink) alcohol so they go for soda.
9. The Prime Minister of Thailand doesn't live (live) in Ayutthaya.
10. Some people don't own (own) a car, they choose the public transportation instead.

## Exercise 3 Complete the questions and answers in the short dialogues with the correct form of verb in brackets. Use contractions.

**Do water chestnuts grow in the river?**

1. A: \_\_\_\_\_ (water chestnuts / grow) in the river?

B: No, **they don't** . They **grow** (grow) in the ground.

**Does Thailand export**  
2. A: \_\_\_\_\_ (Thailand / export) petrol?

B: No, **it doesn't** . It **exports** (export) rice.

**What is**  
3. A: \_\_\_\_\_ (what / be /) the capital city of Thailand?

B: It **is** (be) Bangkok.

4. A: **Is** (be) Catharine in an office?

B: Yes, **she is** . She **is** (be) always in the office in the morning.

**Do you usually go**  
5. A: \_\_\_\_\_ (you / usually / go) abroad every year?

B: No, **I don't** .



## Exercise 4 Complete the text with the correct Present Simple form of the verb.

Emperor penguins (1) lives (live) in the Antarctic. The sea (2) provides (provide) all their food, so they are good swimmers. They (3) dive (dive) under the water and (4) hold (hold) their breath for up to 20 minutes. When the weather is very cold, the penguins (5) stand (stand) in a group. This (6) keeps (keep) them warm. The Emperor is the only penguin that (7) breeds (breed) in winter in Antarctica. Each female (8) lays (lay) one egg in May or June. They then (9) return (return) to the sea to feed. Each male then (10) stands (stand) with an egg on his feet. His feet (11) keep (keep) the egg warm. He (12) sleeps (sleep) most of the time and (13) eats (eat) no food for about 65 days. When the egg (14) hatches (hatch), the female (15) comes (come) back and (16) finds (find) her mate. Now the females (17) feed (feed) the young penguins. The male (18) spends (spend) his time eating. After a few weeks, the male (19) returns (return) to the family, and then both parents (20) look after (look after) the chick.

## Exercise 5 Complete the text with the correct affirmative or negative form of Present Simple verb. Use contractions.

### Romeo & Juliet

Two families, the Montagues and Capulets, (1) lives (live) in Verona, Italy, but they (2) don't get on (get on) with each other. Romeo, son of Montagues, thinks he (3) is (be) in love with Rosaline, but unfortunately she (4) doesn't love (love) him. He (5) goes (go) to see her at the party at the house of his enemy Capulet, but there he (6) sees (see) Juliet, Capulet's daughter. She (7) doesn't know (know) his name because he (8) has (have) a mask. Tybalt, one of the Capulet family, (9) tries (try) to fight with Romeo, but Capulet (10) doesn't allow (allow) this. However, Tybalt doesn't agree with him, and (11) forgive (forgive) Romeo for coming to the house. Romeo manages to talk to Juliet and he (12) kisses (kiss) her. They (13) don't understand (understand) that their families are (14) are (be) enemies. When Romeo learns the truth, he (15) stands (care) that his love for Juliet could be very dangerous. Later he goes back to the house and (16) doesn't see (stand) in the garden. Juliet is standing on the balcony talks (17) talks (see) him below in the garden. After he (18) agree (talk) to her, they soon show their love for each other, and (19) agree (agree) to get married. However, they (20) realize (realize) that a terrible tragedy is

**Exercise 6** Use the word in brackets to make sentences that are true; sometimes you will need *doesn't* or *don't*.

1. Japanese people / speak / Chinese

**Japanese people doesn't speak Chinese.**

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2. Autumn / come / before winter

**Autumn comes before winter.**

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3. Engineer / be / someone whose job / be / to design or  
**Engineer is someone whose job is to design or  
build roads, bridges, machines etc.**

**Cotton comes from the white hair of the cotton plant.**

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4. Cotton / come / from the white hair of the cotton plant.

**There are 26 alphabets in English.**

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**The End**