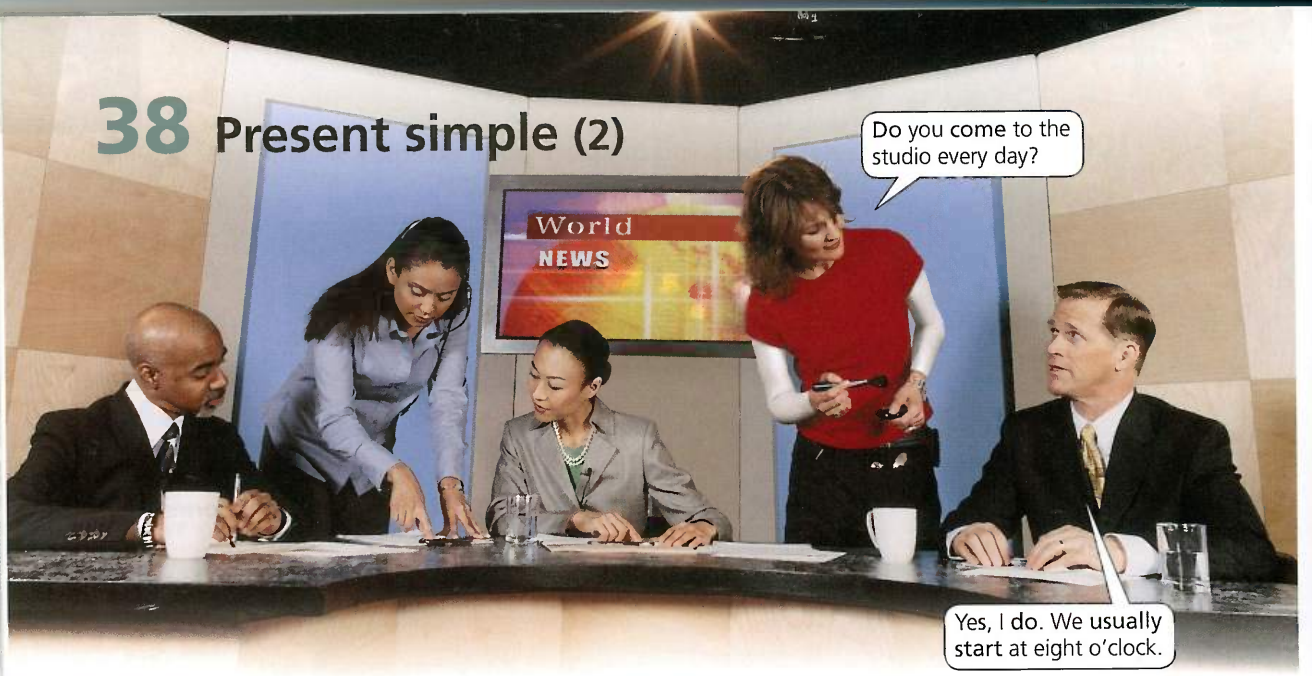
38 Present simple (2)



1 Form

Yes/No QUESTIONS			SHORT ANSWERS	
Do	*I/we/you/they*	*work here?*	*Yes, I/we/you/they* **do.**	*No, I/we/you/they* **do not** *(don't).*
Does	*he/she/it*		*Yes, he/she/it* **does.**	*No, he/she/it* **does not** *(doesn't).*

Wh- QUESTIONS			
When/What time *How often*	*do*	*I/we/you/they*	*get up?* *come?*
What	*does*	*he/she/it*	*do on Sundays?*

We don't add *-s* to the main verb in questions and negatives.
✗ ~~*Where does he works?*~~ ✓ *Where* ***does*** *he* ***work?***

2 Use

We use the present simple for things that happen regularly:
David ***goes*** *to work by bus. The bus* ***stops*** *outside his house.*
*'****Do*** *you* ***drink*** *a lot of coffee?' 'Yes, I* ***do****, but my parents only* ***drink*** *tea.'*

When we talk about *when* or *how often* we do regular activities we can use

- time expressions (e.g. *every day/evening/weekend, at the weekend, on Mondays/Sundays, once a week/month/year*):
  Do you come here ***every day?*** *I go on holiday* ***once a year.***

Look at the word order:
✓ ***On Sundays****, we go to our grandparents' house for lunch.*
✓ *We go to our grandparents' house for lunch* ***on Sundays.***
✗ ~~*We go on Sundays to our grandparents' house for lunch.*~~

- adverbs of frequency (e.g. *never, often, always*). We usually put these BEFORE the verb:
  We ***usually*** *start at eight o'clock.*
  'Do you drive to work?' 'No, we ***always*** *take public transport. We* ***never*** *drive.'*

With the verb *be* we put the adverb AFTER the verb:
✗ ~~*She often is late.*~~ ✓ *She's* ***often*** *late.*

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