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Note to Teachers

ESL Worksheets for Adults, Volume 1: Simple Present Tense Cloze Exercises consists of 27 cloze (or “fill-in-the-blank”) worksheets for English Language Learners. Each worksheet has at least 20 blanks.

The majority of the exercises are appropriate for Beginner and Intermediate students and serve as a great review for Advanced students. Please review the exercises before using to ensure that they are appropriate for your students.

Cloze exercises can be used to reinforce and review material taught during English lessons. They can also be used for quizzes or exams. Please see my website at www.Teaching-ESL-to-Adults.com for more tips on using cloze exercises with students studying English as a Second or Foreign Language.

Some of the exercises include vocabulary that may not be familiar to beginning English Language Learners. This can be a useful tool in teaching vocabulary. If you are using the exercises for grading purposes, it is best to teach vocabulary before the quiz or exam.

Complete answer sheets are provided for all exercises.

Note to Students

ESL Worksheets for Adults, Volume 1: Simple Present Tense Cloze Exercises has 27 verb worksheets. The worksheets are a great way to review your knowledge of the Simple Present tense.

Some vocabulary may be new to you. Be sure to look up the new words in a dictionary so that you can use the words in the future.

Complete answer sheets are provided for all exercises. Use the answer sheets to help you study the Simple Present tense.
Part I: Exercises
Exercise 1

Simple Present Sentences—Am, Are, Is (1)

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct verb (am, are or is).

Ex. David and Craig _______ are _______ great chefs.

1. I _________ Italian.
2. You _________ a very happy person.
3. She _________ a vegetarian.
4. They _________ from Spain.
5. Fred and I _________ good friends.
6. Jenny _________ a wonderful mother.
7. Clark _________ a handsome guy.
8. We _________ very hungry!
9. His children _________ in college.
10. My name _________ Joseph.
11. Sam and Emily _________ at work.
12. We _________ on the bus right now.
13. I _________ 29 years old.
14. His mother _________ at home.
15. The bank _________ open today.
16. She _________ a good lawyer.
17. My brother and Monica _________ happy together.
18. His shirt _________ too big for him.
19. Mario _________ in the hospital.
20. You _________ a wonderful person!
Exercise 2

Simple Present Sentences—Am, Are, Is (2)

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct verb (am, are or is).

Ex. Abby and Veronica _______ are _______ best friends.

1. James _______________ from Greece.
2. I _______________ not very hungry.
3. It _______________ a beautiful day.
4. Sara and Michael _______________ in love with each other.
5. Russia _______________ a big country.
6. Ramona _______________ my favorite cousin.
7. Lois and Clark _______________ co-workers.
8. My keys _______________ locked in the car!
9. We _______________ not interested in baseball.
10. Kenneth _______________ an excellent carpenter.
13. Simone and I _______________ not afraid of dogs.
14. Jason _______________ not a good driver.
15. The flowers _______________ all different colors.
16. The post office _______________ closed on holidays.
17. I _______________ very tired today.
18. My house _______________ a very messy.
19. Her new car _______________ a Toyota Prius.
20. The boy’s hands _______________ covered with paint.
Exercise 3

Simple Present Questions—Am, Are, Is (1)

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct verb (am, are or is).

Ex. 1 Who _______ is _______ that girl on the bicycle?
Ex. 2 _______ Are _______ you the man from the gas company?

1. _____________ the post office open today?
2. Where _____________ the library?
3. _____________ you from Japan?
4. How much _____________ that doll?
5. _____________ Juan and Celia from Mexico?
6. When _____________ the concert?
7. _____________ she a Spanish teacher?
8. What _____________ you interested in?
9. _____________ Jeff and Kelly married?
10. What _____________ your favorite color?
11. _____________ that your new car?
12. Who _____________ the people by the window?
13. _____________ I late for dinner?
14. How _____________ your parents?
15. _____________ the vegetables cooked?
16. _____________ the doctor in her office?
17. Where _____________ my keys?
18. What _____________ for dinner tonight?
19. How old _____________ her children?
20. _____________ your name David?
Exercise 4

Simple Present Questions—Am, Are, Is (2)

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct verb (am, are or is).

Ex. 1 Where ________ is ________ my car?
Ex. 2 ________ Are ________ you the new teacher?

1. ________ the director in his office?
2. Why ________ you in the dark?
3. ________ Rosa and Lorenzo at the park?
4. Where ________ is the party tonight?
5. ________ I the best person for the job?
6. ________ it very cold outside?
7. How much ________ that pair of shoes?
8. ________ you interested in football?
9. What ________ your wife’s name?
10. Who ________ the Vice President of the United States?
11. ________ your children in school today?
12. Where ________ the best restaurant in town?
13. ________ she from Mexico?
14. Who ________ those women on the corner?
15. ________ the food ready to eat?
16. Where ________ my cell phone and keys?
17. Why ________ the light on?
18. How ________ the weather in the winter?
19. ________ you in a relationship?
20. ________ my feet in your way?
Exercise 5

Simple Present Exercise—Be, Do, Have (1)

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb be, do, or have.

Ex. Andrew ______ has ______ three cats and a dog.

1. I _________ 26 years old.
2. _________ you a vegetarian?
3. She always _________ her homework.
4. They _________ a lot of money.
5. _________ you and Jeff best friends?
6. He _________ two daughters and three sons.
7. She _________ a good doctor.
8. Rafael _________ not the best tennis player in the world.
10. What _________ your name?
11. Farouk and Sheila _________ a beautiful home.
12. Roberto _________ everything well.
13. _________ she from Russia?
15. Who _________ the best person for the job?
16. Sara _________ a smart woman.
17. Our car _________ in the garage for repairs.
18. John and Rebecca _________ not happy together.
19. Janet _________ a great job all the time.
20. You _________ a beautiful smile.
Exercise 6

Simple Present Exercise—Be, Do, Have (2)

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb be, do, or have.

Ex. Samson _______ has _______ a business degree from Harvard.

1. The weather ____________ beautiful today!
2. Edward ____________ not a very good mechanic.
3. I ____________ a first year student at the university.
4. _________ he your little brother?
5. I always ____________ my best on exams.
6. Alicia and I ____________ a breakfast date every Saturday morning.
7. _________ you and Elisa at the restaurant right now?
8. Mario ____________ one brother and two sisters.
9. Mr. Roberts ____________ a trucking company.
10. Where _________ the best coffee shop in town?
12. Mexico ____________ south of the United States.
14. You ____________ a good job every time.
15. _________ Brazil a beautiful country?
16. I ____________ too many bills to pay!
17. Who ____________ the Cohen brothers?
18. Randy never ____________ a good job.
19. Donna ____________ the president of the company.
20. You ____________ a lot of homework to do tonight.
Exercise 7

Simple Present Exercise—Be, Do, Have (3)

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb be, do, or have.

Ex. Why ______ do ______ you study so much?

1. When ____________ you want to leave for the party?
2. Their house ____________ the biggest on the block.
3. Raymond and Donna ____________ not want children.
4. Rebecca ____________ more money than anyone else.
5. Who ____________ that man by the window?
6. ____________ your friends happy for you?
7. Where ____________ my backpack?
8. Why ____________ English have so many rules?
9. The television ____________ in the living room.
10. What ____________ Carla want to do tonight?
11. The Smiths ____________ two new cars. They must be rich!
12. ____________ the weather good today?
13. ____________ the professor always talk so much?
14. We ____________ not like the new boss.
15. His paintings ____________ in the new museum.
16. ____________ they want to borrow your car again?
17. ____________ you in love with her?
18. My computer ____________ broken.
19. That dress ____________ too small for you.
20. Her jacket ____________ many pockets.
Exercise 8

Simple Present Sentences—Misc. Verbs

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb.
Ex. We always _______ walk _______ (walk) home from school.

1. The soldier ____________ (write) a letter to his family every week.
2. She never ____________ (drink) diet sodas.
3. Do you ____________ (like) to watch TV?
4. I ____________ (play) tennis every Saturday.
5. He doesn’t ____________ (dance) very well.
6. My neighbor ____________ (work) at the hospital.
7. When do you ____________ (eat) dinner?
8. The students always ____________ (study) for their tests.
9. Does he ____________ (live) in California?
10. The store usually ____________ (close) at 10 p.m.
11. She ____________ (know) the story by heart.
12. He ____________ (call) his mother every week.
13. Do you ____________ (talk) to your brother every day?
14. When does she ____________ (leave) for work?
15. My friend ____________ (speak) five languages.
16. I ____________ (cook) dinner every night.
17. He ____________ (take) vitamins every day.
18. Do they ____________ (travel) together often?
19. They ____________ (go) to the park every Sunday.
20. What does this word ____________ (mean)?
Exercise 9

Simple Present Sentences—3rd Person Exceptions

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb.

Ex. Gerald ________ watches ________ (watch) television every night.

1. Dustin ________________ (study) art history at the university.
2. Betty ________________ (go) to a private camp every summer.
3. Frank ________________ (kiss) his daughter every morning before he leaves.
4. David always ________________ (match) his shirt and tie.
5. Mr. Harris ________________ (wash) his car every weekend.
6. Ivan ________________ (teach) Spanish at a private language school.
7. Andy ________________ (hurry) to school every day.
8. Jerry ________________ (do) his homework after dinner every night.
9. Kelly ________________ (cry) when she has to say goodbye to her parents.
10. Martha ________________ (touch) the Redwood tree every time she walks by it.
11. Norman ________________ (pass) by the library every morning.
12. Oscar ________________ (finish) his homework before midnight every night.
13. Erin ________________ (carry) her dance shoes with her always.
14. Paula ________________ (miss) the 8 a.m. bus almost every day.
15. Carol ________________ (have) two Siamese cats.
16. The boss ________________ (reach) his financial goals every month.
17. The secretary ________________ (reply) to all of his emails.
18. Roberto ________________ (rush) to work every morning.
19. Lorenzo ________________ (dry) his clothes on the clothesline.
20. His son always ________________ (try) to please him.
Exercise 10

Simple Present Sentences (1)

Directions: Complete the sentences using the following verbs. Use each word only once.

arrive  buy  cook  drive  eat  give  like  live  meet  play  read
sleep  spend  study  talk  travel  visit  want  want  watch  work  write

1. The teacher _______ drives _____ an old car to school.

2. You always _________ before taking a test.

3. I _________ a letter to my father every month.

4. We _________ football on Saturdays.

5. She _________ her mother every Sunday.

6. I _________ to play video games on weekends.

7. Jonathon ____________ flowers to his wife every year for their anniversary.

8. The children ____________ in twin beds.

9. We never _________ about our problems.

10. You _________ a big breakfast every day.

11. Jim and Roger ____________ in a factory by the freeway.


13. Mr. Jefferson ____________ in a large house.

14. Sam and Amanda ____________ for coffee every Saturday morning.

15. Zoe ____________ new shoes every month.

16. Frankie ____________ dinner for her family every evening.

17. Dina _________ to her children every night.

18. I _________ my favorite TV shows every Monday.

19. We _________ a lot of money on groceries every week.

20. Rosie always ____________ at school on time.

21. Neko ____________ to Europe every summer.
Exercise 11

Simple Present Sentences (2)

Directions: Complete the sentences using the following verbs. Use each word only once.

ask begin believe burn deliver fail fight hope laugh listen
love need open order pay rain save talk throw use walk

1. Steven always _______ laughs _______ at her silly jokes.
2. Karen always _______ _______ black coffee at Starbucks.
3. I never _______ _______ the toast.
4. Your father and I _______ _______ you like your gift.
5. Frank _______ _______ very fast. I can’t understand him.
6. It _______ _______ every afternoon. Take your umbrella.
7. Raymond always _______ _______ his girlfriend’s lies.
8. My favorite TV show _______ _______ at 8 p.m.
9. They never _______ _______ their car on weekdays.
10. The old man _______ _______ very slowly with his cane.
11. Joan and John _______ _______ their bills on time every month.
12. The bank _______ _______ at 9 a.m. sharp every day.
13. Cindy _______ _______ every exam. She should study more.
14. I _______ _______ to the radio every evening.
15. Adrian _______ _______ his children very much.
16. Rocky _______ _______ with his parents all the time.
17. Carter and I always _______ _______ for more food.
18. Flowers _______ _______ water and sunshine to grow.
19. Sally _______ _______ meals to the elderly every Monday.
20. Diana _______ _______ a lot of money every month.
21. Rufus _______ _______ the baseball very fast.
Exercise 12

Simple Present Sentences (3)

Directions: Complete the sentences using the following verbs. Use each word only once.

act belong call change close draw dream explain feed find
forget hurt keep know lead let ride run serve start thank

1. Mary ______dreams______ of becoming a doctor.
2. John always ___________ in his school plays. He’s a great actor.
3. Jose _____________ his hardware store at exactly 6 p.m. every night.
4. Wendy never _____________ the bus to school.
5. Ralph and his brother _____________ to a secret club. They even have a secret handshake.
6. I _______________ my parents every Sunday morning. They worry if I don’t.
7. Rita always _______________ her mind about everything!
8. The teacher always _______________ the homework very clearly.
9. The boss _______________ his employees by example. He does his best, so they do their best.
10. She never _______________ her children eat candy.
11. The wild dogs _______________ up and down the street every night. They bark all night long!
12. Chico’s Restaurant _______________ the best burritos in town. Let’s go there tonight!
13. She always _______________ her friends’ secrets. She’s very trustworthy.
14. Larry always _______________ the servers. He is very polite.
15. Teresa only _______________ her cat the best cat food.
16. Her son never _______________ her birthday. He sends her beautiful flowers every year.
17. English class always _______________ on time. I don’t want to be late!
18. She _______________ Jack’s feelings when she lies to him.
19. Eva _______________ all the words by heart. She has a great memory.
20. Helen always _______________ beautiful pictures of flowers in art class.
21. Victor always _______________ money on the street. He’s very lucky!
Exercise 13

Simple Present Sentences (4)

Directions: Complete the sentences using the following verbs. Use each word only once.

bring  dance  do  drink  expect  fill  have  kill  kiss  move  plant  remember  see  share  shout  sing  smoke  stop  taste  turn  wear

1. I never _______ drink_______ coffee after 1 p.m. I can’t sleep at night if I do.
2. Sherman always _____________ drinks to potlucks. He doesn’t like to cook.
3. She ______________ the same flowers every year in her garden.
4. His family ______________ to a new country every year. His father is in the military.
5. Ramona never ______________ anyone’s name when she goes to parties.
6. Lisa always _____________ her heavy sweater when she goes out on cold days.
7. Cigarettes ______________ people. No one should smoke!
8. Stanley still ______________ cigarettes. I wish he would stop.
9. The road ______________ to the right at the bottom of the hill.
10. The doctor only ______________ her patients during the week.
11. Travis and Kelly ______________ together in their church choir.
12. He always ______________ at his children. He is not very nice.
13. The train ______________ in every big city between Los Angeles and New York City.
14. Carol always ______________ her lunch with the homeless people in the park.
15. Anthony ______________ his gas tank every other week.
16. Jane and I always ______________ the tango at parties.
17. A good chef always ______________ the food before serving it.
18. Alex never ______________ enough money.
19. He always ______________ his children at bedtime.
20. Roberto’s parents always ______________ him to do his best.
21. She ______________ her best work when she feels inspired.
Exercise 14

Simple Present Sentences (5)

Directions: Complete the sentences using the following verbs. Use each word only once.

beat  cost  count  decide  drop  finish  forgive  happen  learn  offer
prepare  promise  return  show  stand  stay  take  tell  think  understand  wait

1. I never ______stand______ too close to the train tracks. It’s too dangerous.
2. Henry ____________ vitamins every morning. He’s very healthy.
3. I don’t ______________ what you are saying. Could you please speak more slowly?
4. She ______________ a new language every year. She speaks nine languages!
5. The cashier always carefully ______________ the money.
6. Lorenzo always ______________ the truth to his parents. He never lies.
7. Steven never ______________ about other people. He’s very selfish.
8. It never ______________ when you want it to.
9. Kurt never ______________ the ball. He’s a great catcher.
10. The college only ______________ scholarships to the best students.
11. His team always ______________ the other teams.
12. We always ______________ for you. Please be on time!
13. The theater ______________ foreign films every Saturday night.
14. Politicians always ______________ more than they can deliver.
15. She always ______________ where to go on vacation at the last minute.
16. Enid ______________ meals every day at the homeless shelter. She’s a volunteer there.
17. Joey always ______________ his work on time.
18. Nancy never ______________ at the same hotel more than once.
19. Victoria always ______________ her husband for being late.
20. A new car ______________ a lot of money. I can’t afford one now.
21. I always ______________ my library books on time.
Exercise 15

Simple Present—Yes/No Questions (1)

Directions: Write the correct helping word in each blank (do or does).

Ex. _______ Do ________ you practice the piano every day?

1. _______ Marie work on weekends?
2. _______ Howard and Leonard live together?
3. _______ Rudy and I know each other?
4. _______ I need to register for class?
5. _______ Candace have a job?
6. _______ they want to read the book?
7. _______ you eat breakfast every day?
8. _______ we want the red car or the blue car?
9. _______ I speak English well?
10. _______ coffee keep you awake at night?
11. _______ Teresa and Daniel watch television together?
12. _______ the children stay up late on weekdays?
13. _______ the weather change much in the winter?
14. _______ you and your wife travel often?
15. _______ this plane fly to Denver?
16. _______ Jean and Mark cook dinner together?
17. _______ you and Andrea study English in the same class?
18. _______ the dog bark loudly?
19. _______ your brother sing in the band?
20. _______ a new car cost a lot of money?
Exercise 16

Simple Present—Yes/No Questions (2)

Directions: Write the correct helping word in each blank (do or does).

Ex. _______Does_______ the class always start on time?

1. _______________ the restaurant have good food?
2. _______________ Raj and Kelly like each other?
3. _______________ Lucas and Mark live in the country?
4. _______________ anything scare you?
5. _______________ I have to go to school today?
6. _______________ Mr. Green watch too much television?
7. _______________ Jim and Gloria carpool to work every day?
8. _______________ Cathy and I always take the same bus?
9. _______________ you want coffee or tea?
10. _______________ the department store have a lot of sales?
11. _______________ you call your mother every Sunday?
12. _______________ Tony and Simon fight a lot?
13. _______________ cats and dogs get along?
14. _______________ the dance class have many students?
15. _______________ the movie star always have so many people with her?
16. _______________ this bus get crowded?
17. _______________ Harry and Rosie walk around the lake every day?
18. _______________ you and your sister go home for the holidays?
19. _______________ your car need some gas?
20. _______________ the company president work very hard?
Exercise 17

Simple Present—Wh- Questions

Directions: Write the correct helping word in each blank (do or does).

Ex. Why ________ do ________ you study so much?

1. Where __________ you go to school?
2. When __________ the children leave for school?
3. Where __________ Sally and Carl live?
4. Why __________ she always cry at the end of sad movies?
5. How __________ I turn on the TV?
6. Who __________ he think he is?
7. How much __________ Jim and Joan love each other?
8. When __________ the elections happen?
9. Where __________ she want to go on vacation?
10. Why __________ this rose smell so pretty?
11. Where __________ you go for special dinners?
12. Where __________ I need to be this afternoon?
13. When __________ it usually stop raining?
14. Who __________ the students want to teach the class?
15. What subjects __________ you want to study?
16. When __________ the bus arrive?
17. How many classes __________ your son need to graduate?
18. How well __________ you and your sister get along?
19. Where __________ your father work?
20. Who __________ you call when you need help?
Exercise 18

Simple Present Questions (1)

Directions: Write the correct helping word in each blank (do or does).

Ex. Who _________ does _______ Lorenzo want to marry?

1. Where _____________ you study English?
2. When _____________ the mail arrive?
3. _____________ she talk so much all the time?
4. How _____________ you feel today?
5. Why _____________ Jeff and George hate each other so much?
6. _____________ Jerry believe in God?
7. _____________ you read the newspaper every day?
8. Where _____________ your parents live?
9. What _____________ Sharon eat for breakfast?
10. _____________ the weather get cold at night?
11. How _____________ I drive to the market from here?
12. _____________ cats and dogs fight all the time?
13. _____________ your neighbor play loud music?
14. Where _____________ the bus stop?
15. What time _____________ you leave for work?
16. When _____________ you and Doreen visit your mother?
17. _____________ James and Jon run together every evening?
18. Who _____________ the best job of all?
19. _____________ Andrew have three cats?
20. _____________ people from Brazil speak Portuguese?
Exercise 19

Simple Present Questions (2)

Directions: Write the correct helping word in each blank (do or does).

Ex. Where ___________ the children go to school?

1. What ___________ you want to do tonight?
2. ___________ Ben and Joe know each other well?
3. Who ___________ your sister want to take to the party?
4. ___________ Barry like to eat sweets?
5. ___________ I need to take my shoes off?
6. Why ___________ your car make so much noise?
7. ___________ your daughter play on the softball team?
8. How ___________ we get to the freeway from here?
9. ___________ Carlos always eat popcorn at the theater?
10. ___________ Jim and Jane always fight about money?
11. Where ___________ they wash their clothes?
12. ___________ the students like their teacher?
13. When ___________ the tennis match begin?
14. How ___________ the chef cook the vegetables?
15. ___________ you and your husband take many vacations?
16. Where ___________ Laura and Sharon buy their groceries?
17. What ___________ the little boy want for his birthday?
18. When ___________ the singers start singing?
19. Who ___________ you think took your car?
20. ___________ the house need much work?
Exercise 20

Simple Present—Short Answers (1)

Directions: Fill in the blank with the correct word. Use contractions where possible.

Ex: Q. Do you read mystery books?
A. No, I don’t.

1. Q. Do you like vegetables?
A. No, I __________.

2. Q. Does the teacher talk too much?
A. Yes, she __________.

3. Q. Do dogs and cats get along?
A. No, they __________.

4. Q. Do I look good in this dress?
A. Yes, you __________.

5. Q. Do Sam and Jim play golf together?
A. No, they __________.

6. Q. Do you and I know each other?
A. No, we __________.

7. Q. Do I need a bigger car?
A. Yes, you __________.

8. Q. Does it look like rain?
A. No, it __________.

9. Q. Does Karen work at the factory?
A. Yes, she __________.

10. Q. Do you want some coffee?
A. No, I __________. Thank you.

11. Q. Do I have enough money?
A. Yes, you __________.

12. Q. Does your brother live with you?
A. No, he __________.

13. Q. Do you and I watch a lot of TV?
A. Yes, we __________.

14. Q. Do Ben and Tom drive to work?
A. Yes, they __________.

15. Q. Does your son like music?
A. Yes, he __________.

16. Q. Does the flower smell pretty?
A. Yes, it __________.

17. Q. Does the soup taste good?
A. No, it __________.

18. Q. Do Jon and Ann fight a lot?
A. Yes, they __________.

19. Q. Does your wife like tea?
A. No, she __________.

20. Q. Does she walk to school?
A. Yes, she __________.
Exercise 21

Simple Present—Short Answers (2)

Directions: Fill in the blank with the correct word. Use contractions where possible.

Ex. 1: Q. Do you like horror movies?  A. No, I don’t.
Ex. 2: Q. Do Paul and Linda live together?  A. Yes, they do.

1. Q. Do most children like candy?  A. Yes, ________________.
2. Q. Does the picture look blurry?  A. Yes, ________________.
3. Q. Do you live with your parents?  A. No, ________________.
4. Q. Do I need new tires for my car?  A. No, ________________.
5. Q. Do Randy and Tracy have a dog?  A. Yes, ________________.
6. Q. Do you and I have the same coat?  A. No, ________________.
7. Q. Do I have to sign the paper?  A. Yes, ________________.
8. Q. Does the weather look bad?  A. No, ________________.
9. Q. Does Monica work as a chef?  A. Yes, ________________.
10. Q. Do you have health insurance?  A. No, ________________.
11. Q. Do I have to go to school?  A. Yes, ________________.
12. Q. Do your neighbors play loud music?  A. No, ________________.
13. Q. Does the tree always lose its leaves?  A. Yes, ________________.
14. Q. Do Ben and Jerry make ice cream?  A. Yes, ________________.
15. Q. Does your phone cost a lot of money?  A. No, ________________.
16. Q. Do his kids fight all the time?  A. No, ________________.
17. Q. Does the vase have fresh flowers?  A. No, ________________.
19. Q. Does chocolate make you feel better?  A. Yes, ________________.
20. Q. Does the little boy cry all the time?  A. No, ________________.
Exercise 22

Simple Present Sentences—Positive to Negative (1)

Directions: Make the following sentences negative. Use contractions.

Ex. 1 Wendy has a new car. ❄️ Wendy doesn’t have a new car.
Ex. 2 Mitch talks all the time. ❄️ Mitch doesn’t talk all the time.

1. Abbey drinks black coffee. _____________________________
2. Ed does his homework every night. _____________________
3. Don and Roy hate baseball. ___________________________
4. Farmers grow vegetables. _____________________________
5. Cathy saves a lot of money. ___________________________
6. Hal fights with his brother. ___________________________
7. Jack has big dreams. _________________________________
8. The girls run very fast. _______________________________
9. Ian and Joe swim every day. __________________________
10. Ken laughs at his sister. ______________________________
11. Mike listens to opera music. __________________________
12. Luke believes his father. ______________________________
13. Nate and Mark enjoy the theater. _____________________
14. Oprah has a talk show. ______________________________
15. Paul helps homeless people. __________________________
16. Quincy calls his daughter weekly. _____________________
17. Rick studies at the library. ___________________________
18. Sam and Kate play in a piano bar. ____________________
19. Tina wears beautiful clothes. _________________________
20. Victor needs more money. ___________________________
Exercise 23

Simple Present Sentences—Positive to Negative (2)

Directions: Make the following sentences negative. Use contractions.

Ex. 1  Sam eats too much food.  __________  Sam doesn’t eat too much food.  
Ex. 2  Cam and Joe paint houses.  __________  Cam and Joe don’t paint houses.

1.  Aaron expects a miracle.  __________________________
2.  It rains every afternoon.  __________________________
3.  You and Pat travel a lot.  __________________________
4.  The security light goes on at 6 p.m.  __________________________
5.  Rose and Sara order shoes online.  __________________________
6.  Children learn languages easily.  __________________________
7.  The moon glows bright in the night.  __________________________
8.  Uri steps on all the cracks.  __________________________
9.  Phil admires his brother’s work.  __________________________
10.  Pat and Tom know each other.  __________________________
11.  Norma remembers all her teachers.  __________________________
12.  Jay smokes all the time.  __________________________
13.  You and I always agree.  __________________________
14.  Max pulls his sister’s hair.  __________________________
15.  Jon and Jen feed the squirrels.  __________________________
16.  Perry prepares pickled peppers.  __________________________
17.  Vince measures his food carefully.  __________________________
18.  Tim hopes for the best.  __________________________
19.  Alan and his kids love pizza.  __________________________
20.  Cats and dogs like each other.  __________________________
Exercise 24

Simple Present Sentences—Positive to Negative (3)

Directions: Make the following sentences negative. Use contractions.

Ex. 1 She is married. ____________ She isn’t married _____________.
Ex. 2 Max feeds the birds. ____________ Max doesn’t feed the birds _____________.

1. He drives a nice car. ____________________________
2. They are happy together. ____________________________
3. The baby eats all her food. ____________________________
4. It’s cold outside. ____________________________
5. I love romantic movies. ____________________________
6. She lives in Ohio. ____________________________
7. You look wonderful. ____________________________
8. We have two classes today. ____________________________
9. Blaire cooks dinner every night. ____________________________
10. Simon wants a new toy. ____________________________
11. I am a vegetarian. ____________________________
12. I run very fast. ____________________________
13. You are my best friend. ____________________________
14. They argue a lot. ____________________________
15. She has a new purse. ____________________________
16. We speak Japanese. ____________________________
17. You walk to school. ____________________________
18. He is late again. ____________________________
19. Jeff writes well. ____________________________
20. Singh is very careful. ____________________________
Exercise 25

Simple Present Sentences—Positive to Negative (4)

Directions: Make the following sentences negative. Use contractions.

Ex. 1 Gertrude is a student. ____________________________
Ex. 2 Edward likes the meal. ____________________________

1. Lily reads to her baby at night. ____________________________
2. The soup is too hot to eat. ____________________________
3. Jay writes mystery novels. ____________________________
4. Some dogs bark loudly. ____________________________
5. The weather is good today. ____________________________
6. You have to stop texting. ____________________________
7. Larry wears a cowboy hat. ____________________________
8. Micah believes in Santa Claus. ____________________________
9. The river runs to the ocean. ____________________________
10. You ride the bus every day. ____________________________
11. He is the best singer in the choir. ____________________________
12. I swim at the YMCA every day. ____________________________
13. You have the nicest mother. ____________________________
14. Chocolate milk tastes great. ____________________________
15. Chris plays tennis well. ____________________________
16. We carry our books to school. ____________________________
17. He paints houses for money. ____________________________
18. Cindy cleans her room every day. ____________________________
19. I eat healthy food every day. ____________________________
20. Terry is very angry with me. ____________________________
Exercise 26

Simple Present Exercise
“Every Day I …”

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct verb from the list. Some blanks have more than one possible answer, but use each word only once.

arrive catch check cook dream drink eat fall feed get
get go go have leave leave love plan prepare read return
shop sit take wake walk walk wash watch work

Every day, I _______ wake _______ up at 6 a.m. I _____________ my two cats then
I _____________ my breakfast. Usually, I _____________ cereal with milk. Then,
I _____________ a shower and _____________ dressed. I _____________ my house at
7 a.m. and I _____________ the bus at 7:10 a.m. When I _____________ at work, I
___________ some coffee. Then, I _____________ down at my desk and I
___________ my day. Next, I _____________ my email.

At noon, I _____________ lunch in the cafeteria. Then I _____________ around the
park. I _____________ to my office by 1 p.m. After I _____________ back to my office, I
___________ hard for the rest of the afternoon.

I _____________ my office every day at 5 p.m. Before I _____________ home, I
usually _____________ for some groceries. (I _____________ fresh vegetables!) I
___________ home from the grocery store. Then I _____________ dinner. Afterwards, I
___________ the dishes. Most nights, I _____________ television then I
___________ a book before I _____________ to bed at 11 p.m. Usually, I
___________ asleep by 11:10 p.m. I _____________ of wonderful things!
Exercise 27

Present Tense Exercise—All Verb Forms

Directions: Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb OR “helping” verb OR other word.

A. AFFIRMATIVE (use the verb “walk”)
1. I ___________ to school every day.
2. You ___________ to school every day.
3. He/She/It ___________ to school every day.
4. They ___________ to school every day.
5. We ___________ to school every day.

B. NEGATIVE (use the verb “walk” or a helping verb)
6. I ___________ walk to school every day.
7. You don’t ___________ to school every day.
8. He/She/It ___________ walk to school every day.
9. They ___________ walk to school every day.
10. We don’t ___________ to school every day.

C. YES/NO QUESTIONS (use the verb “walk” or a helping verb)
11. Do I ___________ to school every day?
12. ___________ you walk to school every day?
13. Does he/she/it ___________ to school every day?
14. ___________ they walk to school every day?
15. Do we ___________ to school every day?

D. SHORT ANSWERS
16. Yes, I ___________.
17. No, I ___________.
18. Yes, you ___________.
19. No, you ___________.
20. Yes, he/she/it ___________.
21. No, he/she/it ___________.
22. Yes, we ___________.
23. No, we ___________.
24. Yes, they ___________.
25. No, they ___________.

E. WH—QUESTIONS (use a main verb, helping verb, or other correct word)
26. When do you ___________ to school every day?
27. Why do ___________ walk to school every day?
28. Where ___________ she go to school every day?
29. How does ___________ get to school every day?
30. What ___________ they study in school every day?
Part II: Answer Sheets
Exercise 1 Answer Sheet

Simple Present Sentences—Am, Are, Is (1)

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct verb (am, are or is).

Ex. David and Craig _______ are _______ great chefs.

1. I _______ am _______ Italian.
2. You _______ are _______ a very happy person.
3. She _______ is _______ a vegetarian.
4. They _______ are _______ from Spain.
5. Fred and I _______ are _______ good friends.
6. Jenny _______ is _______ a wonderful mother.
7. Clark _______ is _______ a handsome guy.
8. We _______ are _______ very hungry!
9. His children _______ are _______ in college.
10. My name _______ is _______ Joseph.
11. Sam and Emily _______ are _______ at work.
12. We _______ are _______ on the bus right now.
13. I _______ am _______ 29 years old.
14. His mother _______ is _______ at home.
15. The bank _______ is _______ open today.
16. She _______ is _______ a good lawyer.
17. My brother and Monica _______ are _______ happy together.
18. His shirt _______ is _______ too big for him.
19. Mario _______ is _______ in the hospital.
20. You _______ are _______ a wonderful person!
Exercise 2 Answer Sheet

Simple Present Sentences—Am, Are, Is (2)

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct verb (am, are or is).

Ex. Abby and Veronica _____ are _____ best friends.

1. James _____ is _____ from Greece.

2. I _____ am _____ not very hungry.

3. It _____ is _____ a beautiful day.

4. Sara and Michael _____ are _____ in love with each other.

5. Russia _____ is _____ a big country.

6. Ramona _____ is _____ my favorite cousin.

7. Lois and Clark _____ are _____ co-workers.

8. My keys _____ are _____ locked in the car!

9. We _____ are _____ not interested in baseball.

10. Kenneth _____ is _____ an excellent carpenter.

11. Jack and Marcus _____ are _____ not brothers.

12. You _____ are _____ my best friend.

13. Simone and I _____ are _____ not afraid of dogs.

14. Jason _____ is _____ not a good driver.

15. The flowers _____ are _____ all different colors.

16. The post office _____ is _____ closed on holidays.

17. I _____ am _____ very tired today.

18. My house _____ is _____ very messy.

19. Her new car _____ is _____ a Toyota Prius.

20. The boy’s hands _____ are _____ covered with paint.
Exercise 3 Answer Sheet

Simple Present Questions—Am, Are, Is (1)

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct verb (am, are or is).

Ex. 1 Who ______ is ______ that girl on the bicycle?
Ex. 2 ______ Are ______ you the man from the gas company?

1. ______ Is______ the post office open today?
2. Where ______ is ______ the library?
3. ______ Are______ you from Japan?
4. How much ______ is ______ that doll?
5. ______ Are______ Juan and Celia from Mexico?
6. When ______ is ______ the concert?
7. ______ Is______ she a Spanish teacher?
8. What ______ are______ you interested in?
9. ______ Are______ Jeff and Kelly married?
10. What ______ is______ your favorite color?
11. ______ Is______ that your new car?
12. Who ______ are______ the people by the window?
13. ______ Am______ I late for dinner?
14. How ______ are______ your parents?
15. ______ Are______ the vegetables cooked?
16. ______ Is______ the doctor in her office?
17. Where ______ are______ my keys?
18. What ______ is______ for dinner tonight?
19. How old ______ are______ her children?
20. ______ Is______ your name David?
Exercise 4 Answer Sheet

Simple Present Questions—Am, Are, Is (2)

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct verb (am, are or is).

Ex. 1 Where ______ is ______ my car?
Ex. 2 ______ Are ______ you the new teacher?

1. ______ Is ______ the director in his office?
2. Why ______ are ______ you in the dark?
3. ______ Are ______ Rosa and Lorenzo at the park?
4. Where ______ is ______ the party tonight?
5. ______ Am ______ I the best person for the job?
6. ______ Is ______ it very cold outside?
7. How much ______ is ______ that pair of shoes?
8. ______ Are ______ you interested in football?
9. What ______ is ______ your wife’s name?
10. Who ______ is ______ the Vice President of the United States?
11. ______ Are ______ your children in school today?
12. Where ______ is ______ the best restaurant in town?
13. ______ Is ______ she from Mexico?
14. Who ______ are ______ those women on the corner?
15. ______ Is ______ the food ready to eat?
16. Where ______ are ______ my cell phone and keys?
17. Why ______ is ______ the light on?
18. How ______ is ______ the weather in the winter?
19. ______ Are ______ you in a relationship?
20. ______ Are ______ my feet in your way?
Exercise 5 Answer Sheet

Simple Present Exercise—Be, Do, Have (1)

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb be, do, or have.

Ex. Andrew ______ has ______ three cats and a dog.

1. I ______ am ______ 26 years old.
2. ______ Are ______ you a vegetarian?
3. She always ______ does ______ her homework.
4. They ______ have ______ a lot of money.
5. ______ Are ______ you and Jeff best friends?
6. He ______ has ______ two daughters and three sons.
7. She ______ is/has ______ a good doctor. (two possible answers)
8. Rafael ______ is ______ not the best tennis player in the world.
9. My children ______ have ______ a wonderful father.
10. What ______ is ______ your name?
11. Farouk and Sheila ______ have ______ a beautiful home.
12. Roberto ______ does ______ everything well.
13. ______ Is ______ she from Russia?
14. I ______ have ______ many wonderful friends.
15. Who ______ is ______ the best person for the job?
16. Sara ______ is ______ a smart woman.
17. Our car ______ is ______ in the garage for repairs.
18. John and Rebecca ______ are ______ not happy together.
19. Janet ______ does ______ a great job all the time.
20. You ______ have ______ a beautiful smile.
Exercise 6 Answer Sheet

Simple Present Exercise—Be, Do, Have (2)

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb be, do, or have.

Ex. Samson __________ has ________ a business degree from Harvard.

1. The weather ______ is ______ beautiful today!
2. Edward ______ is ______ not a very good mechanic.
3. I ______ am ______ a first year student at the university.
4. ______ Is ______ he your little brother?
5. I always ______ do ______ my best on exams.
6. Alicia and I ______ have ______ a breakfast date every Saturday morning.
7. ______ Are ______ you and Elisa at the restaurant right now?
8. Mario ______ has ______ one brother and two sisters.
9. Mr. Roberts ______ has ______ a trucking company.
10. Where ______ is ______ the best coffee shop in town?
11. Karen and Arnold ______ have ______ twin sons.
12. Mexico ______ is ______ south of the United States.
13. Betty and Veronica ______ are ______ not friends any more.
14. You ______ do ______ a good job every time.
15. ______ Is ______ Brazil a beautiful country?
16. I ______ have ______ too many bills to pay!
17. Who ______ are ______ the Cohen brothers?
18. Randy never ______ does ______ a good job.
19. Donna ______ is ______ the president of the company.
20. You ______ have ______ a lot of homework to do tonight.
Exercise 7 Answer Sheet

Simple Present Exercise—Be, Do, Have (3)

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb be, do, or have.

Ex. Why ______ do ______ you study so much?

1. When ______ do ______ you want to leave for the party?
2. Their house ______ is ______ the biggest on the block.
3. Raymond and Donna ______ do ______ not want children.
4. Rebecca ______ has ______ more money than anyone else.
5. Who ______ is ______ that man by the window?
6. ______ Are _____ your friends happy for you?
7. Where ______ is ______ my backpack?
8. Why ______ does ______ English have so many rules?
9. The television ______ is ______ in the living room.
10. What ______ does ______ Carla want to do tonight?
11. The Smiths ______ have ______ two new cars. They must be rich!
12. ______ Is ______ the weather good today?
13. ______ Does _____ the professor always talk so much?
14. We ______ do ______ not like the new boss.
15. His paintings ______ are ______ in the new museum.
16. ______ Do ______ they want to borrow your car again?
17. ______ Are _____ you in love with her?
18. My computer ______ is ______ broken.
19. That dress ______ is ______ too small for you.
20. Her jacket ______ has ______ many pockets.
Exercise 8 Answer Sheet

Simple Present Sentences—Misc. Verbs

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb.
Ex. We always ______ walk______ (walk) home from school.

1. The soldier ______ writes______ (write) a letter to his family every week.
2. She never ______ drinks______ (drink) diet sodas.
3. Do you ______ like______ (like) to watch TV?
4. I ______ play______ (play) tennis every Saturday.
5. He doesn’t ______ dance______ (dance) very well.
6. My neighbor ______ works______ (work) at the hospital.
7. When do you ______ eat______ (eat) dinner?
8. The students always ______ study______ (study) for their tests.
9. Does he ______ live______ (live) in California?
10. The store usually ______ closes______ (close) at 10 p.m.
11. She ______ knows______ (know) the story by heart.
12. He ______ calls______ (call) his mother every week.
13. Do you ______ talk______ (talk) to your brother every day?
14. When does she ______ leave______ (leave) for work?
15. My friend ______ speaks______ (speak) five languages.
16. I ______ cook______ (cook) dinner every night.
17. He ______ takes______ (take) vitamins every day.
18. Do they ______ travel______ (travel) together often?
19. They ______ go______ (go) to the park every Sunday.
20. What does this word ______ mean______ (mean)?
Exercise 9 Answer Sheet

Simple Present Sentences—3rd Person Exceptions

Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb.

Ex. Gerald ______ watches ______ (watch) television every night.

1. Dustin ______ studies ______ (study) art history at the university.
2. Betty ______ goes ______ (go) to a private camp every summer.
3. Frank ______ kisses ______ (kiss) his daughter every morning before he leaves.
4. David always ______ matches ______ (match) his shirt and tie.
5. Mr. Harris ______ washes ______ (wash) his car every weekend.
6. Ivan ______ teaches ______ (teach) Spanish at a private language school.
7. Andy ______ hurries ______ (hurry) to school every day.
8. Jerry ______ does ______ (do) his homework after dinner every night.
9. Kelly ______ cries ______ (cry) when she has to say goodbye to her parents.
10. Martha ______ touches ______ (touch) the Redwood tree every time she walks by it.
11. Norman ______ passes ______ (pass) by the library every morning.
12. Oscar ______ finishes ______ (finish) his homework before midnight every night.
13. Erin ______ carries ______ (carry) her dance shoes with her always.
14. Paula ______ misses ______ (miss) the 8 a.m. bus almost every day.
15. Carol ______ has ______ (have) two Siamese cats.
16. The boss ______ reaches ______ (reach) his financial goals every month.
17. The secretary ______ replies ______ (reply) to all of his emails.
18. Roberto ______ rushes ______ (rush) to work every morning.
19. Lorenzo ______ dries ______ (dry) his clothes on the clothesline.
20. His son always ______ tries ______ (try) to please him.
Exercise 10 Answer Sheet

Simple Present Sentences (1)

Directions: Complete the sentences using the following verbs. Use each word only once.

arrive buy cook drive eat give like live meet play read
sleep spend study talk travel visit want watch work write

1. The teacher ______ drives______ an old car to school.
2. You always _____ study_____ before taking a test.
3. I _____ write_____ a letter to my father every month.
4. We _____play_____ football on Saturdays.
5. She _____ visits_____ her mother every Sunday.
6. I _____ like______ to play video games on weekends.
7. Jonathon _____ gives_____ flowers to his wife every year for their anniversary.
8. The children _____ sleep______ in twin beds.
9. We never _____ talk_____ about our problems.
10. You _____ eat_____ a big breakfast every day.
11. Jim and Roger _____ work_____ in a factory by the freeway.
13. Mr. Jefferson _____ lives_____ in a large house.
14. Sam and Amanda _____ meet_____ for coffee every Saturday morning.
15. Zoe _____ buys_____ new shoes every month.
16. Frankie _____ cooks_____ dinner for her family every evening.
17. Dina _____ reads_____ to her children every night.
18. I _____ watch_____ my favorite TV shows every Monday.
19. We _____ spend_____ a lot of money on groceries every week.
20. Rosie always _____ arrives_____ at school on time.
21. Neko _____ travels_____ to Europe every summer.
Exercise 11 Answer Sheet

Simple Present Sentences (2)

*Directions: Complete the sentences using the following verbs. Use each word only once.*

ask  begin  believe  burn  deliver  fail  fight  hope  laugh  listen
love  need  open  order  pay  rain  save  talk  throw  use  walk

1. Steven always **laughs** at her silly jokes.
2. Karen always **orders** black coffee at Starbucks.
3. I never **burn** the toast.
4. Your father and I **hope** you like your gift.
5. Frank **talks** very fast. I can’t understand him.
6. It **rains** every afternoon. Take your umbrella.
7. Raymond always **believes** his girlfriend’s lies.
8. My favorite TV show **begins** at 8 p.m.
9. They never **use** their car on weekdays.
10. The old man **walks** very slowly with his cane.
11. Joan and John **pay** their bills on time every month.
12. The bank **opens** at 9 a.m. sharp every day.
13. Cindy **fails** every exam. She should study more.
14. I **listen** to the radio every evening.
15. Adrian **loves** his children very much.
16. Rocky **fights** with his parents all the time.
17. Carter and I always **ask** for more food.
18. Flowers **need** water and sunshine to grow.
19. Sally **delivers** meals to the elderly every Monday.
20. Diana **saves** a lot of money every month.
21. Rufus **throws** the baseball very fast.
Exercise 12 Answer Sheet

Simple Present Sentences (3)

Directions: Complete the sentences using the following verbs. Use each word only once.

act belong call change close draw dream explain feed find
forget hurt keep know lead let ride run serve start thank

1. Mary ______ dreams ______ of becoming a doctor.
2. John always ______ acts ______ in his school plays. He’s a great actor.
3. Jose ______ closes ______ his hardware store at exactly 6 p.m. every night.
4. Wendy never ______ rides ______ the bus to school.
5. Ralph and his brother ______ belong ______ to a secret club. They even have a secret handshake.
6. I ______ call ______ my parents every Sunday morning. They worry if I don’t.
7. Rita always ______ changes ______ her mind about everything!
8. The teacher always ______ explains ______ the homework very clearly.
9. The boss ______ leads ______ his employees by example. He does his best, so they do their best.
10. She never ______ lets ______ her children eat candy.
11. The wild dogs ______ run ______ up and down the street every night. They bark all night long!
12. Chico’s Restaurant ______ serves ______ the best burritos in town. Let’s go there tonight!
13. She always ______ keeps ______ her friends’ secrets. She’s very trustworthy.
14. Larry always ______ thanks ______ the servers. He is very polite.
15. Teresa only ______ feeds ______ her cat the best cat food.
16. Her son never ______ forgets ______ her birthday. He sends her beautiful flowers every year.
17. English class always ______ starts ______ on time. I don’t want to be late!
18. She ______ hurts ______ Jack’s feelings when she lies to him.
19. Eva ______ knows ______ all the words by heart. She has a great memory.
20. Helen always ______ draws ______ beautiful pictures of flowers in art class.
21. Victor always ______ finds ______ money on the street. He’s very lucky!
Exercise 13 Answer Sheet

Simple Present Sentences (4)

Directions: Complete the sentences using the following verbs. Use each word only once.

- bring
- dance
- do
- drink
- expect
- fill
- have
- kill
- kiss
- move
- plant
- remember
- see
- share
- shout
- sing
- smoke
- stop
- taste
- turn
- wear

1. I never ______ drink ______ coffee after 1 p.m. I can’t sleep at night if I do.
2. Sherman always ______ brings ______ drinks to potlucks. He doesn’t like to cook.
3. She ______ plants ______ the same flowers every year in her garden.
4. His family ______ moves ______ to a new country every year. His father is in the military.
5. Ramona never ______ remembers ______ anyone’s name when she goes to parties.
6. Lisa always ______ wears ______ her heavy sweater when she goes out on cold days.
7. Cigarettes ______ kill ______ people. No one should smoke!
8. Stanley still ______ smokes ______ cigarettes. I wish he would stop.
9. The road ______ turns ______ to the right at the bottom of the hill.
10. The doctor only ______ sees ______ her patients during the week.
11. Travis and Kelly ______ sing ______ together in their church choir.
12. He always ______ shouts ______ at his children. He is not very nice.
13. The train ______ stops ______ in every big city between Los Angeles and New York City.
14. Carol always ______ shares ______ her lunch with the homeless people in the park.
15. Anthony ______ fills ______ his gas tank every other week.
16. Jane and I always ______ dance ______ the tango at parties.
17. A good chef always ______ tastes ______ the food before serving it.
18. Alex never ______ has ______ enough money.
19. He always ______ kisses ______ his children at bedtime.
20. Roberto’s parents always ______ expect ______ him to do his best.
21. She ______ does ______ her best work when she feels inspired.
Exercise 14 Answer Sheet

Simple Present Sentences (5)

Directions: Complete the sentences using the following verbs. Use each word only once.

beat  cost  count  decide  drop  finish  forgive  happen  learn  offer  
prepare  promise  return  show  stand  stay  take  tell  think  understand  wait

1. I never ______ stand______ too close to the train tracks. It’s too dangerous.
2. Henry ______ takes______ vitamins every morning. He’s very healthy.
3. I don’t ______understand______ what you are saying. Could you please speak more slowly?
4. She ______ learns______ a new language every year. She speaks nine languages!
5. The cashier always carefully ______ counts______ the money.
6. Lorenzo always ______ tells______ the truth to his parents. He never lies.
7. Steven never ______ thinks______ about other people. He’s very selfish.
8. It never ______ happens______ when you want it to.
9. Kurt never ______ drops______ the ball. He’s a great catcher.
10. The college only ______ offers______ scholarships to the best students.
11. His team always ______ beats______ the other teams.
12. We always ______ wait______ for you. Please be on time!
13. The theater ______ shows______ foreign films every Saturday night.
14. Politicians always ______ promise______ more than they can deliver.
15. She always ______ decides______ where to go on vacation at the last minute.
16. Enid ______ prepares______ meals every day at the homeless shelter. She’s a volunteer there.
17. Joey always ______ finishes______ his work on time.
18. Nancy never ______ stays______ at the same hotel more than once.
19. Victoria always ______ forgives______ her husband for being late.
20. A new car ______ costs______ a lot of money. I can’t afford one now.
21. I always ______ return______ my library books on time.
Exercise 15 Answer Sheet

Simple Present—Yes/No Questions (1)

Directions: Write the correct helping word in each blank (do or does).

Ex. Do you practice the piano every day?

1. Does Marie work on weekends?
2. Do Howard and Leonard live together?
3. Do Rudy and I know each other?
4. Do I need to register for class?
5. Does Candace have a job?
6. Do they want to read the book?
7. Do you eat breakfast every day?
8. Do we want the red car or the blue car?
9. Do I speak English well?
10. Does coffee keep you awake at night?
11. Do Teresa and Daniel watch television together?
12. Do the children stay up late on weekdays?
13. Does the weather change much in the winter?
14. Do you and your wife travel often?
15. Does this plane fly to Denver?
16. Do Jean and Mark cook dinner together?
17. Do you and Andrea study English in the same class?
18. Does the dog bark loudly?
19. Does your brother sing in the band?
20. Does a new car cost a lot of money?
Exercise 16 Answer Sheet

Simple Present—Yes/No Questions (2)

Directions: Write the correct helping word in each blank (do or does).

Ex. _______ Does_______ the class always start on time?

1. _______ Does_______ the restaurant have good food?
2. _______ Do_______ Raj and Kelly like each other?
3. _______ Do_______ Lucas and Mark live in the country?
4. _______ Does_______ anything scare you?
5. _______ Do_______ I have to go to school today?
6. _______ Does_______ Mr. Green watch too much television?
7. _______ Do_______ Jim and Gloria carpool to work every day?
8. _______ Do_______ Cathy and I always take the same bus?
9. _______ Do_______ you want coffee or tea?
10. _______ Does_______ the department store have a lot of sales?
11. _______ Do_______ you call your mother every Sunday?
12. _______ Do_______ Tony and Simon fight a lot?
13. _______ Do_______ cats and dogs get along?
14. _______ Does_______ the dance class have many students?
15. _______ Does_______ the movie star always have so many people with her?
16. _______ Does_______ this bus get crowded?
17. _______ Do_______ Harry and Rosie walk around the lake every day?
18. _______ Do_______ you and your sister go home for the holidays?
19. _______ Does_______ your car need some gas?
20. _______ Does_______ the company president work very hard?
Exercise 17 Answer Sheet

Simple Present—Wh- Questions

Directions: Write the correct helping word in each blank (do or does).

Ex. Why ______ do ______ you study so much?

1. Where ______ do ______ you go to school?
2. When ______ do ______ the children leave for school?
3. Where ______ do ______ Sally and Carl live?
4. Why ______ does ______ she always cry at the end of sad movies?
5. How ______ do ______ I turn on the TV?
6. Who ______ does ______ he think he is?
7. How much ______ do ______ Jim and Joan love each other?
8. When ______ do ______ the elections happen?
9. Where ______ does ______ she want to go on vacation?
10. Why ______ does ______ this rose smell so pretty?
11. Where ______ do ______ you go for special dinners?
12. Where ______ do ______ I need to be this afternoon?
13. When ______ does ______ it usually stop raining?
14. Who ______ do ______ the students want to teach the class?
15. What subjects ______ do ______ you want to study?
16. When ______ does ______ the bus arrive?
17. How many classes ______ does ______ your son need to graduate?
18. How well ______ do ______ you and your sister get along?
19. Where ______ does ______ your father work?
20. Who ______ do ______ you call when you need help?
Simple Present Questions (1)

Directions: Write the correct helping word in each blank (do or does).

Ex. Who _______ does _______ Lorenzo want to marry?

1. Where _______ do _______ you study English?
2. When _______ does _______ the mail arrive?
3. _______ Does _______ she talk so much all the time?
4. How _______ do _______ you feel today?
5. Why _______ do _______ Jeff and George hate each other so much?
6. _______ Does _______ Jerry believe in God?
7. _______ Do _______ you read the newspaper every day?
8. Where _______ do _______ your parents live?
9. What _______ does _______ Sharon eat for breakfast?
10. _______ Does _______ the weather get cold at night?
11. How _______ do _______ I drive to the market from here?
12. _______ Do _______ cats and dogs fight all the time?
13. _______ Does _______ your neighbor play loud music?
14. Where _______ does _______ the bus stop?
15. What time _______ do _______ you leave for work?
16. When _______ do _______ you and Doreen visit your mother?
17. _______ Do _______ James and Jon run together every evening?
18. Who _______ does _______ the best job of all?
19. _______ Does _______ Andrew have three cats?
20. _______ Do _______ people from Brazil speak Portuguese?
Simple Present Questions (2)

Directions: Write the correct helping word in each blank (do or does).

Ex. Where _______do_______ the children go to school?

1. What _______do_______ you want to do tonight?
2. _______Do_______ Ben and Joe know each other well?
3. Who _______does_______ your sister want to take to the party?
4. _______Does_______ Barry like to eat sweets?
5. _______Do_______ I need to take my shoes off?
6. Why _______does_______ your car make so much noise?
7. _______Does_______ your daughter play on the softball team?
8. How _______do_______ we get to the freeway from here?
9. _______Does_______ Carlos always eat popcorn at the theater?
10. _______Do_______ Jim and Jane always fight about money?
11. Where _______do_______ they wash their clothes?
12. _______Do_______ the students like their teacher?
13. When _______does_______ the tennis match begin?
14. How _______does_______ the chef cook the vegetables?
15. _______Do_______ you and your husband take many vacations?
16. Where _______do_______ Laura and Sharon buy their groceries?
17. What _______does_______ the little boy want for his birthday?
18. When _______do_______ the singers start singing?
19. Who _______do_______ you think took your car?
20. _______Does_______ the house need much work?
Exercise 20 Answer Sheet

Simple Present—Short Answers (1)

Directions: Fill in the blank with the correct word. Use contractions where possible.

Ex: Q. Do you read mystery books? A. No, I don’t.

1. Q. Do you like vegetables? A. No, I don’t.

2. Q. Does the teacher talk too much? A. Yes, she does.

3. Q. Do dogs and cats get along? A. No, they don’t.

4. Q. Do I look good in this dress? A. Yes, you do.

5. Q. Do Sam and Jim play golf together? A. No, they don’t.

6. Q. Do you and I know each other? A. No, we don’t.

7. Q. Do I need a bigger car? A. Yes, you do.

8. Q. Does it look like rain? A. No, it doesn’t.

9. Q. Does Karen work at the factory? A. Yes, she does.

10. Q. Do you want some coffee? A. No, I don’t. Thank you.

11. Q. Do I have enough money? A. Yes, you do.

12. Q. Does your brother live with you? A. No, he doesn’t.

13. Q. Do you and I watch a lot of TV? A. Yes, we do.

14. Q. Do Ben and Tom drive to work? A. Yes, they do.

15. Q. Does your son like music? A. Yes, he does.

16. Q. Does the flower smell pretty? A. Yes, it does.

17. Q. Does the soup taste good? A. No, it doesn’t.

18. Q. Do Jon and Ann fight a lot? A. Yes, they do.

19. Q. Does your wife like tea? A. No, she doesn’t.

20. Q. Does she walk to school? A. Yes, she does.
Simple Present—Short Answers (2)

Directions: Fill in the blank with the correct word. Use contractions where possible.

Ex. 1: Q. Do you like horror movies? A. No, __________ I don’t __________.

Ex. 2: Q. Do Paul and Linda live together? A. Yes, __________ they do __________.

1. Q. Do most children like candy? A. Yes, __________ they do __________.

2. Q. Does the picture look blurry? A. Yes, __________ it does __________.

3. Q. Do you live with your parents? A. No, __________ I don’t __________.

4. Q. Do I need new tires for my car? A. No, __________ you don’t __________.

5. Q. Do Randy and Tracy have a dog? A. Yes, __________ they do __________.

6. Q. Do you and I have the same coat? A. No, __________ we don’t __________.

7. Q. Do I have to sign the paper? A. Yes, __________ you do __________.

8. Q. Does the weather look bad? A. No, __________ it doesn’t __________.

9. Q. Does Monica work as a chef? A. Yes, __________ she does __________.

10. Q. Do you have health insurance? A. No, __________ I don’t __________.

11. Q. Do I have to go to school? A. Yes, __________ you do __________.

12. Q. Do your neighbors play loud music? A. No, __________ they don’t __________.

13. Q. Does the tree always lose its leaves? A. Yes, __________ it does __________.

14. Q. Do Ben and Jerry make ice cream? A. Yes, __________ they do __________.

15. Q. Does your phone cost a lot of money? A. No, __________ it doesn’t __________.

16. Q. Do his kids fight all the time? A. No, __________ they don’t __________.

17. Q. Does the vase have fresh flowers? A. No, __________ it doesn’t __________.


19. Q. Does chocolate make you feel better? A. Yes, __________ it does __________.

20. Q. Does the little boy cry all the time? A. No, __________ he doesn’t __________.
Exercise 22 Answer Sheet

Simple Present Sentences—Positive to Negative (1)

Directions: Make the following sentences negative. Use contractions.

Ex. 1 Wendy has a new car.  __________  Wendy doesn’t have a new car.
Ex. 2 Mitch talks all the time.  __________  Mitch doesn’t talk all the time.

1. Abbey drinks black coffee.  Abbey doesn’t drink black coffee.
2. Ed does his homework every night.  Ed doesn’t do his homework every night.
3. Don and Roy hate baseball.  Don and Roy don’t hate baseball.
4. Farmers grow vegetables.  Farmers don’t grow vegetables.
5. Cathy saves a lot of money.  Cathy doesn’t save a lot of money.
6. Hal fights with his brother.  Hal doesn’t fight with his brother.
7. Jack has big dreams.  Jack doesn’t have big dreams.
8. The girls run very fast.  The girls don’t run very fast.
9. Ian and Joe swim every day.  Ian and Joe don’t swim every day.
10. Ken laughs at his sister.  Ken doesn’t laugh at his sister.
11. Mike listens to opera music.  Mike doesn’t listen to opera music.
13. Nate and Mark enjoy the theater.  Nate and Mark don’t enjoy the theater.
14. Oprah has a talk show.  Oprah doesn’t have a talk show.
16. Quincy calls his daughter weekly.  Quincy doesn’t call his daughter weekly.
17. Rick studies at the library.  Rick doesn’t study at the library.
18. Sam and Kate play in a piano bar.  Sam and Kate don’t play in a piano bar.
19. Tina wears beautiful clothes.  Tina doesn’t wear beautiful clothes.
20. Victor needs more money.  Victor doesn’t need more money.
Exercise 23 Answer Sheet

Simple Present Sentences—Positive to Negative (2)

Directions: Make the following sentences negative. Use contractions.

Ex. 1 Sam eats too much food. **Sam doesn’t eat too much food.**
Ex. 2 Cam and Joe paint houses. **Cam and Joe don’t paint houses.**

1. Aaron expects a miracle. **Aaron doesn’t expect a miracle.**
2. It rains every afternoon. **It doesn’t rain every afternoon.**
3. You and Pat travel a lot. **You and Pat don’t travel a lot.**
4. The security light goes on at 6 p.m. **The security light doesn’t go on at 6 p.m.**
5. Rose and Sara order shoes online. **Rose and Sara don’t order shoes online.**
6. Children learn languages easily. **Children don’t learn languages easily.**
7. The moon glows bright in the night. **The moon doesn’t glow bright in the night.**
8. Uri steps on all the cracks. **Uri doesn’t step on all the cracks.**
9. Phil admires his brother’s work. **Phil doesn’t admire his brother’s work.**
10. Pat and Tom know each other. **Pat and Tom don’t know each other.**
11. Norma remembers all her teachers. **Norma doesn’t remember all her teachers.**
12. Jay smokes all the time. **Jay doesn’t smoke all the time.**
13. You and I always agree. **You and I don’t always agree.**
14. Max pulls his sister’s hair. **Max doesn’t pull his sister’s hair.**
15. Jon and Jen feed the squirrels. **Jon and Jen don’t feed the squirrels.**
16. Perry prepares pickled peppers. **Perry doesn’t prepare pickled peppers.**
17. Vince measures his food carefully. **Vince doesn’t measure his food carefully.**
18. Tim hopes for the best. **Tim doesn’t hope for the best.**
19. Alan and his kids love pizza. **Alan and his kids don’t love pizza.**
20. Cats and dogs like each other. **Cats and dogs don’t like each other.**
Exercise 24 Answer Sheet

Simple Present Sentences—Positive to Negative (3)

Directions: Make the following sentences negative. Use contractions.

Ex. 1 She is married. She isn’t married.
Ex. 2 Max feeds the birds. Max doesn’t feed the birds.

1. He drives a nice car. He doesn’t drive a nice car.
2. They are happy together. They aren’t happy together./They’re not happy together.
3. The baby eats all her food. The baby doesn’t eat all her food.
4. It’s cold outside. It isn’t cold outside./It’s not cold outside.
5. I love romantic movies. I don’t love romantic movies.
6. She lives in Ohio. She doesn’t live in Ohio.
8. We have two classes today. We don’t have two classes today.
9. Blaire cooks dinner every night. Blaire doesn’t cook dinner every night.
10. Simon wants a new toy. Simon doesn’t want a new toy.
11. I am a vegetarian. I’m not a vegetarian.
12. I run very fast. I don’t run very fast.
14. They argue a lot. They don’t argue a lot.
15. She has a new purse. She doesn’t have a new purse.
16. We speak Japanese. We don’t speak Japanese.
17. You walk to school. You don’t walk to school.
18. He is late again. He isn’t late again./He’s not late again.
19. Jeff writes well. Jeff doesn’t write well.
20. Singh is very careful. Singh isn’t very careful./Singh’s not very careful.
Exercise 25 Answer Sheet

Simple Present Sentences—Positive to Negative (4)

Directions: Make the following sentences negative. Use contractions.

Ex. 1  Gertrude is a student.  
Gertrude isn’t a student.
Ex. 2  Edward likes the meal.  
Edward doesn’t like the meal.

1. Lily reads to her baby at night.  
Lily doesn’t read to her baby at night.
2. The soup is too hot to eat.  
The soup isn’t too hot to eat./The soup’s not too hot to eat.
Jay doesn’t write mystery novels.
4. Some dogs bark loudly.  
Some dogs don’t bark loudly.
5. The weather is good today.  
The weather isn’t good today./The weather’s not good today.
6. You have to stop texting.  
You don’t have to stop texting.
7. Larry wears a cowboy hat.  
Larry doesn’t wear a cowboy hat.
Micah doesn’t believe in Santa Claus.
9. The river runs to the ocean.  
The river doesn’t run to the ocean.
10. You ride the bus every day.  
You don’t ride the bus every day.
11. He is the best singer in the choir.  
He isn’t the best singer in the choir./He’s not the best…
12. I swim at the YMCA every day.  
I don’t swim at the YMCA every day.
13. You have the nicest mother.  
You don’t have the nicest mother.
Chocolate milk doesn’t taste great.
15. Chris plays tennis well.  
Chris doesn’t play tennis well.
16. We carry our books to school.  
We don’t carry our books to school.
17. He paints houses for money.  
He doesn’t paint houses for money.
18. Cindy cleans her room every day.  
Cindy doesn’t clean her room every day.
19. I eat healthy food every day.  
I don’t eat healthy food every day.
20. Terry is very angry with me.  
Terry isn’t very angry with me./Terry’s not very angry …
Every day, I wake up at 6 a.m. I feed my two cats then I prepare my breakfast. Usually, I have cereal with milk. Then, I take a shower and get dressed. I leave my house at 7 a.m. and I catch the bus at 7:10 a.m. When I arrive at work, I drink some coffee. Then, I sit down at my desk and I plan my day. Next, I check my email.

At noon, I eat lunch in the cafeteria. Then I walk around the park. I return to my office by 1 p.m. After I get back to my office, I work hard for the rest of the afternoon.

I leave my office every day at 5 p.m. Before I go home, I usually shop for some groceries. I love fresh vegetables! I walk home from the grocery store. Then I cook dinner. Afterwards, I wash the dishes. Most nights, I watch television then I read a book before I go to bed at 11 p.m. Usually, I fall asleep by 11:10 p.m. I dream of wonderful things!
Present Tense Exercise—All Verb Forms

Directions: Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb OR “helping” verb OR other word.

A. AFFIRMATIVE (use the verb “walk”)
1. I ______ walk ______ to school every day.
2. You ______ walk ______ to school every day.
3. He/She/It ______ walks ______ to school every day.
4. They ______ walk ______ to school every day.
5. We ______ walk ______ to school every day.

B. NEGATIVE (use the verb “walk” or a helping verb)
6. I ______ don’t ______ walk to school every day.
7. You don’t ______ walk ______ to school every day.
8. He/She/It ______ doesn’t ______ walk to school every day.
9. They ______ don’t ______ walk to school every day.
10. We don’t ______ walk ______ to school every day.

C. YES/NO QUESTIONS (use the verb “walk” or a helping verb)
11. Do I ______ walk ______ to school every day?
12. ______ Do ______ you walk to school every day?
13. Does he/she/it ______ walk ______ to school every day?
14. ______ Do ______ they walk to school every day?
15. Do we ______ walk ______ to school every day?

D. SHORT ANSWERS
16. Yes, I ______ do ______.
17. No, I ______ don’t ______.
18. Yes, you ______ do ______.
19. No, you ______ don’t ______.
20. Yes, he/she/it ______ does ______.
21. No, he/she/it ______ doesn’t ______.
22. Yes, we ______ do ______.
23. No, we ______ don’t ______.
24. Yes, they ______ do ______.
25. No, they ______ don’t ______.

E. WH—QUESTIONS (use a main verb, helping verb, or other correct word)
26. When do you ______ walk ______ to school every day?
27. Why do ______ I/you/we/they ______ walk to school every day?
28. Where ______ does ______ she go to school every day?
29. How does ______ he/she/it ______ get to school every day?
30. What ______ do ______ they study in school every day?
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