PRESENT SIMPLE AND ADVERBS OF FREQUENCY

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Examples:

- <u>I wake up</u> at 7 everyday
- I often play football with my friends
- I never watch horror movies

How do we form the present simple?

Affirmative form: I/you/we/they + base form* He/she/it + base form + -s

Ex. They work in London

*Base form = infinitive form without «to» (to be -> be)

How do we form the present simple?

I	work
Υου	work
He/she/it	works
We	work
Υου	work
they	work

1	teach
You	teach
He/she/it	teaches
We	teach
You	teach
they	teach

1	spy
You	spy
He/she/it	spies
We	spy
You	spy
they	spy

How do we form the present simple?

Negative form:I/you/we/they+ do not (don't)+ base formHe/she/it+ does not (doesn't)+ base form

Ex. She doesn't live in London

*Base form = infinitive form without «to» (to be -> be)

How do we form the present simple?

Interrogative form:

- Do + I/you/we/they + base form
- Does + He/she/it + base form
- Ex. Does she live in London?

*Base form = infinitive form without «to» (to be -> be)

Short answers:

Yes, I/you/we/they do / Yes, he/she/it does No, I/you/we/they don't / No, he/she/it does not (doesn't)

Ex.Do you live in Milan?Yes, I do / No, I don't.Does she work in France?Yes, she does / No, she doesn't

What do we use the Present Simple for?

Routine actions	She usually gets up at seven o'clock
General statement	I like music
Facts that are always true	The sun rises in the east
Timetables	The train to London leaves at 7.30

Examples:

I never go to sleep before 2 a.m. I usually play football with my friends We are always on time She is rarely sad

Function:

Adverbs and expression of frequency are used to express the frequency with which an action is done

Ex: I go to the cinema twice a month

Position

The adverbs of frequency go:

<u>BEFORE</u> the main verb:

AFTER the verb «to be»:

They often eat meat We usually watch tv I am always happy She is never late



Sometimes can be found at the beginning or the end of a sentence: Sometimes I feel stupid / I feel stupid sometimes

• Which are the adverbs of frequency?

always	100%
usually/generally	80%
often	60%
sometimes	40%
seldom/rarely	20%
hardly ever	10%
never	0%

Expressions of frequency

- Once a day / a week / a month / a year
- Twice a day / a week / a month / a year
- Three/four times / a week / a month / a year We watch tv 4 times a month
- Every day / week / month / year
- Every two days / three days...
- Many times
- Several times

I go to London once a year He plays football twice a week Ir We watch tv 4 times a month You wake up at 7 every day I drink tea every two days I go to Lecce many times They go out several times

How to ask questions:

How often....?

Example: <u>How often</u> do you go to the cinema? <u>How often</u> does she play volleyball?