



Basic

English Grammar Practice Tests **with key**

Present Simple

Level A1-A2

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Introduction and Imprint

This is a complete set of English grammar practice tests. It contains **Test 1 & 2 with key**. The tests correspond to the **A1 - A2** language proficiency level according to the CEFR.

The content is meant for **English as a foreign language** learners. It can be used for testing and as consolidation material.

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Test 1

Present Simple

1. Write the verbs in brackets with *-s* or *-es*.

- 1. it _____ (sing)
- 2. he _____ (dance)
- 3. she _____ (do)
- 4. he _____ (study)
- 5. she _____ (watch)

Mark: ___ /10

2. Put the verbs in the brackets into the *present simple*.

- 1. James _____ (always / wear) casual clothes at work.
- 2. Steven is a professor. He _____ (teach) physics and maths at university.
- 3. _____ she _____ (start) her day at 7 o'clock?
- 4. The house is very expensive. It _____ (cost) a lot of money.
- 5. Most people are social. They _____ (not / like) being alone.

Mark: ___ /12

3. Choose the correct item.

- 1. Every weekday she **go / goes** to work by bus.
- 2. Lauren and I **don't drink / doesn't drink** soda. We **prefer / prefers** still water.
- 3. Kevin **studys / studies** English at university.
- 4. Water **boil / boils** at 100 degrees Celsius.

5. Harry and Emily **do not read / does not read** newspapers. They **watch / watches** the news on TV.

6. When often do you see him every day?
7. Why doesn't he see anyone every morning? He has to see his family.
8. I usually swim - usually usually every day here.
9. He - does he have such other?
10. How often - how often do you see him every day?

Mark: ___ / 13

4. Complete the questions and negative sentences using the **present simple**.

1. What time _____ (you / usually / get) up in the morning.
2. _____ (she / speak) English well?
3. _____ (they / play) the drums everyday? - No, they _____ (not / do).
4. The embassy _____ (not / open) on Fridays.
5. Where _____ (Poppy and Cassia / keep) their toys?

6. He _____ (not / go) to work every day.
7. She _____ (not / speak) English well.
8. I _____ (not / play) the drums every day.
9. _____ (not / go) to work every day?
10. How often _____ (not / go) to work every day?

Mark: ___ / 11

5. Fill in the gaps with the **present simple**.

Our Typical Day

I 1) _____ (live) with my uncle Hans and his wife in a small village outside Munich. Hans 2) _____ (be) a farmer. He 3) _____ (breed) horses. His wife Monika and I 4) _____ (help) him in his business.

Our day 5) _____ (usually / begin) early in the morning. We 6) _____ (get) up at around 6 o'clock. We 7) _____ (take) a shower, 8) _____ (have) a breakfast together and 9) _____ (go) to work.

The stables 10) _____ (not / be) far away. So it 11) _____ (not / take) much time to get there by foot.

At work my main duties 12) _____ (include) taking care of foalings and keeping animal health records. Hans and Monika 13) _____ (speak) most of their time in the office. Monika 14) _____ (manage) the house of her uncle Hans. She 15) _____ (play) the piano and 16) _____ (work) with horses and foalings.

We 17) _____ (not / go) to work every day. We 18) _____ (always / not / work) in the staff kitchen and 19) _____ (never / work) there only for Hans.

In our free time in the evening I 20) _____ (often / read) books or 21) _____ (talk) to my friends online. Hans and his wife 22) _____ (not / watch) TV.

We 23) _____ (not / sleep) up late because we 24) _____ (prefer) going to bed early to have a good rest and get ready for the next day.

Mark: ___ / 24

Total: ___ / 70

Present Simple

Test 1. Key

1.

1. **sings** (*The verb takes -s as the base form of the verb ends in a consonant.*)
2. **dances** (*The verb takes -s as the base form of the verb ends in a consonant + -e.*)
3. **does** (*The verb takes -es as the base form of the verb ends in -o.*)
4. **studies** (*As the base form of the verb ends in a consonant + -y, change -y into -i and add -es.*)
5. **watches** (*The verb takes -es as the base form of the verb ends in -ch.*)

2.

1. **always wears** (*Third-person singular affirmative. The adverb of frequency is used before the main verb.*)
2. **teaches** (*Third-person singular affirmative. The third person of the main verb that ends in -ch is formed by adding -es.*)
3. **Does, start** (*Third-person singular interrogative*)
4. **costs** (*Third-person singular affirmative*)
5. **do not / don't like** (*Third-person plural negative*)

3.

1. **goes** (*Third-person singular*)
2. **don't drink; prefer** (*First-person plural; First-person plural*)
3. **studies** (*The third person of the main verb that ends in -y is formed by changing -y into -i and adding -es.*)
4. **boils** (*Third-person singular*)
5. **do not read; watch** (*Third-person plural negative; Third-person plural*)

4.

1. **do you usually get** (*Second person singular or plural interrogative. The adverb of frequency is used between the subject and the main verb.*)
2. **Does she speak** (*Third-person singular interrogative*)
3. **Do they play; do not / don't** (*Third-person plural interrogative; Third-person plural negative, a short answer to a general question*)
4. **does not / doesn't open** (*Third-person singular negative*)
5. **do Poppy and Cassia keep** (*Third-person plural interrogative*)

5.

1. **live** (*First-person singular affirmative*)
2. **is** (*Third-person singular affirmative*)
3. **breeds** (*Third-person singular affirmative*)
4. **help** (*First-person plural affirmative*)
5. **usually begins** (*Third-person singular affirmative. The adverb of frequency is used before the main verb.*)
6. **get** (*First-person plural affirmative*)