



Module: English  
Branch: International Trade  
Level: Third year Bachelor

## Lecture 06: The present simple

### 1- Use

We use the present simple for

- thoughts and feelings: / ***think** so, I **like** it.*
- states, things staying the same, facts and things that are true for a long time:

*We **live** quite near .*

- repeated actions: *We **come** here every week.*  
and also

- in phrases like **I promise, I agree**, etc:

*I **promise** I'll pay you back.*

- in a negative question with why to make a suggestion: *Why **don't** we **go** out?*

For the future meaning of the present simple

*The new term **starts** next week.*

### 2- Positive forms

*I/you/we/they **get***

*he/she/it **gets***

In the present simple we use the verb without an ending.

*I **get** the lunch ready at one o'clock, usually. We always **do** our shopping at Greenway.*

*Most children **like** ice-cream. You **know** the answer.*

But in the third person singular (after **he, she, it, your friend**, etc), the verb ends in **s** or **es**.

*It **gets** busy at weekends. My husband **thinks** so, too.*

*Sarah **catches** the early train. She **faxes** messages all over the world.*

### 3- Negatives and questions

NEGATIVE <i>I/you/we/they <b>do not get</b> OR <b>don't get</b></i>	QUESTION <i><b>do</b> I/we/you/they <b>get?</b></i>
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<i>he/she/it does not get OR doesn't get</i>	<i>does he/she/it get?</i>
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We use a form of **do** in negatives and questions . We use **do** and **don't** except in the third person singular, where we use **does** and **doesn't**.

*We **don't** live far away. He **doesn't** want to go shopping.*

***Do** you live here? ~ Yes, I do. What **does** he want? ~ Money.*

We do not add **s** to the verb in negatives and questions.

NOT *He-doesn't gets* and NOT *Does he gets?*