

English Grammar

1) Present simple

❖ Form

- 1. To form the present simple add 's' or 'es' to the verb in the 3rd person of singular (he/she/it)**
 - I/you/we/ they work here.
 - He/she/it works here.
- 2. To make negatives add not after do/does**
You use 'does not' for the third person of singular
 - He/she/it **does not (doesn't) work** here.
 - I/you/we/they **do not (don't) work** here.
- 3. questions are formed with do/does**
Do you work here?
Does she work here?

❖ Uses

- 1- We use the present simple for permanent facts:**
 - This machine **cuts** the metal.
- 2- We use the present simple for actions and situations that are generally true:**
 - We **offer** a full ranger of financial products.
- 3- We use the present simple to talk about regular habits or repeated actions:**
 - I **use** the Internet just for every day.
- 4- We use the present simple to describe sentiments and thoughts:**
 - Ahmed **needs** your help.
 - That coat **belongs** to me.
- 5- We use the present simple to give instructions and directions:**
 - You **go** down to the traffic lights, then you **turn** left.

2) Present continuous

❖ Form

1. **to form present continuous you use be+verb+ing**
 - He is living in Thailand.
 - They are watching a film.
2. **To make negatives add not after be**
 - She isn't doing anything.
 - I'm **not** working on that right now.
3. **To make questions move the verb be before the subject**
 - Is he doing anything?
 - Are you talking to me?

- Uses

1. **Action happening at the moment of speaking:**
 - Ahmed **is** reading a book now.
2. **Action happening at the moment of speaking (longer action):**
 - My friends **is** preparing for his exams.
3. **To talk about temporary situations:**
 - She **works** in the marketing department.
(permanent job)
 - She's **working** in the marketing department.
(temporary job)
4. **To talk about trends or changing situations:**
 - The internet **is making** it easier for people to stay in touch with each other.
5. **To talk about fixed plan in the near future:**
 - We are going to Basel on Saturday.
6. **To talk about a situation that is in progress of changing:**
 - The number of cars on the road **is increasing** rapidly each year.

Exercise 1:

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. I'm busy right now. I.....(fill in) an application form for a new job.
2. My tutor(see) me for a tutorial every Monday at two o'clock.
3. Animals(breathe in) oxygen and.....(give out) carbon dioxide.

4. John(not/study) very hard at the moment. I(not/think) he'll pass his exams.
5. Be quiet! I(want) to hear the news.
6. My friends Joe's parents(travel) round the world this summer, and probably won't be back for a couple of months.
7. Numbers of wild butterflies.....(fall) as a result of changes in farming methods.
8. The college(run) the same course every years.

Exercise 2: Underline the correct form of the present. The first sentence is given as example.

1. *I'm sorry, Mrs Grant is not available at the moment; she (speaks / is speaking) to a customer.*
2. She (belongs / is belonging) to union.
3. Conon (makes / is making) a wide range of photocopiers.
4. She (thinks / is thinking) of getting a transfer to another department.
5. My boss (thinks / is thinking) i should take work home at the weekend.

 **Answer key**

Exercise1:

1. am filling
2. sees
3. breath in / give out
4. isn't studying / don't think
5. want
6. are traveling
7. are falling
8. runs

Exercise 2:

2. belongs
3. makes
4. is thinking
5. thinks