# Introduction to Present Simple Grammar for Ukrainian A2 Level Students

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## **Learning Activities**

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# **Example Lesson Plan**

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11:50- 12:00	Conclusion	Review the key points of the lesson and provide students with opportunities for feedback and questions

## **Assessment Opportunities**

The following assessment opportunities can be used to evaluate students' understanding of the present simple tense:

- Quizzes: administered at the beginning and end of the lesson to assess students' understanding of the present simple tense
- Class discussions: observing students during pair work discussions to assess their ability to use the present simple tense correctly
- Written assignments: asking students to write a short paragraph about their daily routines and habits using the present simple tense

### **Conclusion and Future Lessons**

In conclusion, the present simple tense is a fundamental aspect of English grammar that is essential for effective communication in everyday life. By following the lesson plan outlined in this document, teachers can help Ukrainian A2 level students master the present simple tense and apply it in basic conversations and short writings to describe daily routines and habits.

Future lessons can build upon the present simple tense by introducing more complex grammar structures, such as the present continuous and present perfect tenses. Additionally, teachers can provide students with opportunities to practice using the present simple tense in more complex contexts, such as in writing and speaking activities.

### **Grammar Exercises**

The following grammar exercises can be used to help students practice using the present simple tense:

- Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in the present simple tense:
  I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to school every day.
  She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (study) English every morning.
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- Write a short paragraph about your daily routines and habits using the present simple tense.

## Vocabulary Building

The following vocabulary can be used to help students build their vocabulary related to daily routines and habits:

- wake up
- have breakfast
- · go to school
- study
- watch TV
- go to bed

Complete the sentences with the correct vocabulary:
I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (wake up) at 7:00 am every day.
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They \_\_\_\_\_\_ (go to school) at 9:00 am every day.

Students can practice using this vocabulary by completing the following exercises:

• Write a short paragraph about your daily routines and habits using the vocabulary.

### **Lesson Plan Variations**

The following variations can be used to adapt the lesson plan to meet the needs of different students and class sizes:

- For smaller classes, the teacher can provide more individualized attention and feedback to students.
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## **Advanced Concepts**

The present simple tense can also be used to describe habits and routines that are not necessarily related to daily life. For example, it can be used to describe scientific facts, historical events, or general truths. It is essential to understand the context in which the present simple tense is used to avoid confusion with other tenses.

### Example

The Earth orbits the Sun. This sentence describes a scientific fact and uses the present simple tense to convey a general truth.

In addition to its use in describing habits and routines, the present simple tense can also be used in conditional sentences to describe hypothetical or uncertain situations. For example:

- If I won the lottery, I would buy a house. (Here, the present simple tense is used in the condition clause to describe a hypothetical situation.)
- If it rains, we will stay indoors. (Here, the present simple tense is used in the condition clause to describe a possible future situation.)

### **Common Mistakes and Difficulties**

Students often encounter difficulties when using the present simple tense, particularly when it comes to verb conjugation and sentence structure. One common mistake is the incorrect use of the present simple tense with stative verbs, which are verbs that describe states or conditions rather than actions.

### **Case Study**

A student writes: "I am knowing English for five years." This sentence is incorrect because the verb "know" is a stative verb and should be used in the present simple tense, not the present continuous tense. The correct sentence would be: "I know English."

Another common difficulty is the use of the present simple tense with verbs that have different forms in the third person singular. For example:

- The verb "go" becomes "goes" in the third person singular: He goes to school every day.
- The verb "take" becomes "takes" in the third person singular: She takes a book from the shelf.

# **Teaching Tips and Strategies**

To help students overcome common mistakes and difficulties, teachers can use a variety of teaching tips and strategies. One effective approach is to use visual aids, such as diagrams and charts, to illustrate the correct use of the present simple tense.

### Example

A teacher creates a diagram to show the different forms of the verb "be" in the present simple tense: I am, you are, he/she/it is, we are, they are. This visual aid helps students to understand the correct use of the verb "be" in different contexts.

Another effective strategy is to provide students with plenty of practice opportunities, such as interactive quizzes, pair work discussions, and fill-in-the-blank exercises. These activities help students to develop their language skills and build confidence in using the present simple tense.

### Assessment and Evaluation

To assess students' understanding of the present simple tense, teachers can use a variety of evaluation methods, including quizzes, class discussions, and written assignments. It is essential to provide students with clear instructions and feedback to help them improve their language skills.

#### Case Study

A teacher administers a quiz to assess students' understanding of the present simple tense. The quiz includes multiple-choice questions, fill-in-the-blank exercises, and short-answer questions. The teacher provides feedback to students on their performance and identifies areas where they need improvement.

In addition to formal assessments, teachers can also use informal evaluation methods, such as observing students during pair work discussions or monitoring their participation in class activities. These methods provide valuable insights into students' language skills and help teachers to adjust their instruction to meet the needs of their students.

## **Conclusion and Future Directions**

In conclusion, the present simple tense is a fundamental aspect of English grammar that is essential for effective communication in everyday life. By understanding the correct use of the present simple tense, students can improve their language skills and build confidence in using English in different contexts.

### Example

A student writes: "I study English every day. I go to school at 8:00 am and I have classes until 3:00 pm. After school, I do my homework and then I watch TV or play sports." This sentence demonstrates the student's ability to use the present simple tense correctly to describe their daily routine.

Future directions for instruction may include introducing more complex grammar structures, such as the present perfect and past perfect tenses, and providing students with opportunities to practice using English in real-life situations, such as role-plays or simulations.

## **Appendix: Additional Resources**

The following resources can be used to support instruction and provide additional practice opportunities for students:

- Grammar textbooks: "English Grammar in Use" by Cambridge University Press, "Grammar Practice" by Oxford University Press
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- Language learning software: Rosetta Stone, Duolingo

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