

**Tips and advice for foreign students in the UK**  
Over 150,000 overseas students live and study in the UK.

Read what some of them think.

**Do people in the UK seem friendly?**

 *My experience is very positive. British people like meeting people from other countries.*  
Rosa, Chile

**What differences do you notice?**

 *People say the English are very punctual but I don't think it's true. For example, my physics class never starts on time.*  
Frank, Switzerland

## Presentation

Use the present simple tense to talk about ...

- facts (things that are always or currently true):  
*Over 150,000 overseas students **live and study** in the UK.*
- repeated events and routines:  
*I **have** a Physics classes every Monday at 9 a.m.*  
*It never **starts** on time!*
- likes/dislikes and opinions:  
*British people **like** meeting people from other countries.*  
*I **don't think** it's true.*

### Third person (he/she/it) -s: key spelling rules

You usually add -s: *live* → *lives*

However, there are exceptions:

- Add -es to verbs ending in -ch, -o, -s, -ss, -sh, and -x: *watch* → *watches*, *go* → *goes*
- Change verbs ending in consonant + y to -i: *study* → *studies*
- Do NOT change the ending -y after a vowel: *buy* → *buys* NOT *buies*
- Note also *have* → *has*

### Affirmative

I / You / We / They	live	in the UK.
He / She / It	lives	

### Negative

I / You / We / They	don't (do not)	think	it's true.
He / She / It	does not (doesn't)		

You usually use the contracted forms *don't/doesn't* when speaking and writing informally.

### Questions and short answers

Do	I / you / we / they	seem	friendly?
Does	he / she / it		

Yes,	I / you / we / they do. he / she / it does.	No,	I / you / we / they don't. he / she / it doesn't.
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Where	do	I / you / we / they	come from?
	does	he / she / it	

## Exercises

## 1 Complete the sentences with the present simple form of the verbs in the box.

cost enjoy feel go have live study take travel understand

- 1 Ricki goes to English lessons twice a week.
- 2 The US President lives in the White House.
- 3 We always take the bus to work at eight in the morning.
- 4 This bicycle costs over €500.
- 5 He enjoys playing computer games with his friends.
- 6 Most people in France go their summer holiday in July and August.
- 7 Nigel and Bruce study for their exams in the evenings.
- 8 The moon travels round the Earth at 3,683 kilometres per hour.
- 9 How do you feel today? Are you better?
- 10 I don't understand this question. Can you help me?

## 2 Complete the interview for a school magazine. Use the present simple form of the verbs in brackets. Then listen and check.

## Gabi Teschner, a German exchange student, is spending three months in the USA.

Interviewer: What <sup>1</sup> do you notice (notice) about students in the USA?

Gabi: They <sup>2</sup> get up (get up) very early for school.

Interviewer: What time <sup>3</sup> ..... (school/start) in Germany?

Gabi: We also <sup>4</sup> ..... (begin) at eight o'clock, but in the USA the school day <sup>5</sup> ..... (last) longer. Also the timetable <sup>6</sup> ..... (not give) much time for breaks and lunch.

Interviewer: What <sup>7</sup> ..... (you think) of American food, Gabi?

Gabi: I <sup>8</sup> ..... (like) the breakfasts because they are similar to Germany but the school lunch <sup>9</sup> ..... (not taste) very good. It's always burgers or pizza and fries.

Interviewer: And what <sup>10</sup> ..... (students do) in their free time?

Gabi: Sport is very important in the USA, so they <sup>11</sup> ..... (play) baseball or football after school.

Interviewer: <sup>12</sup> ..... (you play) these sports in Germany?

Gabi: Yes, I'm in a women's football team, but we <sup>13</sup> ..... (not use) an oval ball. Our footballs, or soccer balls, are round!



Gabi Teschner



## 3 Correct the sentences. Three sentences are correct.

- 1 Everyone has a mobile phone these days. ✓
- 2 What time ~~does~~ you get up? do
- 3 I doesn't believe everything in newspapers. ✓
- 4 Do they like meeting people? ✓
- 5 The postman bring the letters in the morning. ✓
- 6 The children like the cake. ✓
- 7 How often does he goes to the gym? ✓
- 8 It not feel very comfortable. ✓
- 9 My sister studys modern languages at university. ✓
- 10 What similarities you see between the two nationalities? ✓