

**Present simple
questions and answers
Possessives**

NASA astronauts working underwater on a Hubble telescope model

Present simple questions and answers: Talking about routines

We use the **present simple** to talk about things we do:

- regularly or often.

Does a pastry chef **wear** a uniform?

Yes, he **does**./No, he **doesn't**.

Do pastry chefs **work** every day?

Yes, they **do**./No, they **don't**.

- as part of a routine.

How **do** you **create** beautiful desserts?

I **plan** the design. Then I **find** the right ingredients.

In the negative and question forms, we use the auxiliary verb *do/does* and the main verb in its infinitive form.

The players **don't practise** on Tuesdays.

Where **does** a waiter **work**?

➔ See grammar box on page 52.

REMEMBER

In short answers, we only use *do/does*. We don't use the main verb.

Does she wear a uniform for work?

No, she **doesn't**.

Do you love your job?

Yes, I **do**.

1 Complete the table.

Verb	Third person singular	Verb	Third person singular	Verb	Third person singular
drive	<i>drives</i>	try		catch	
bake		cook		wash	
do		hurry		train	
dress		clean		explore	

2 Complete the sentences with the negative form of the present simple.

Example: I **don't wear** a uniform. (*wear*)

- They _____ to work. (*drive*)
- She _____ food. (*prepare*)
- They _____ for big groups. (*cook*)
- The restaurant _____ on Mondays. (*open*)
- She _____ Japanese. (*speak*)
- He _____ risks in his job. (*take*)
- I _____ to work in an office. (*want*)
- They _____ during the winter. (*train*)

3 Complete the questions with the present simple. Write the answers.

Example: **Do you wear** a uniform at work? (*you / wear*) ✓ **Yes, I do.**

- _____ outside? (*the researchers / work*) ✓ _____
- _____ an assistant? (*the head chef / have*) ✓ _____
- _____ underwater? (*they / train*) ✓ _____
- _____ how to dive? (*the students / know*) ✗ _____
- _____ exploring caves? (*you / enjoy*) ✓ _____
- _____ lots of skills? (*the entertainers / need*) ✓ _____
- _____ lots of time off? (*the waiters / get*) ✗ _____
- _____ the food? (*the captain / cook*) ✗ _____

4 Use the prompts to write questions in the present simple.

Example: *where / your brother / work* **Where does your brother work?**

- who / he / work with _____
- when / your brother / finish work _____
- why / you / ask so many questions _____
- what / firefighters / wear to work _____
- when / you / start work _____
- how often / your boss / work late _____
- why / you / not enjoy your job _____
- why / you / train as a chef _____

Possessives: Showing ownership

We show **ownership** in two ways:

- With an **apostrophe** and an **s**:

Singular: 's

This dentist's job isn't done in an office.

Plural: s'

Pilots' days are very long.

- With a **possessive adjective**:

My job is helping ill people. What's your job?

REMEMBER

The possessive adjective replaces *the* or *a*.

The job is exciting. → *My job is exciting.*

Subject pronouns I you he/she/it we you they

Possessive adjectives my your his/her/its our your their

1 Complete the sentences with possessive adjectives.

Example: *My job is in the city. (I)*

1. The ship has _____ own pool. (it)
2. Where is _____ office? (you)
3. _____ journey to work takes an hour. (they)
4. _____ job is very dangerous. (she)
5. Photography is _____ passion. (he)
6. _____ dad is a scientist. (we)

2 Change the sentences using an apostrophe and an s.

Example: *The friends of my sister.* *My sister's friends.*

1. The job of your father. _____
2. The mother of the orangutan. _____
3. The teeth of my patients. _____
4. The skills of their doctors. _____
5. The goal of the service. _____
6. The choice of your parents. _____

3 Match the sentence halves.

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| 1. The dentists often visit | a. her career choice. |
| 2. He's a college professor but | b. is your book? |
| 3. My sister is happy with | c. their patients in unusual places. |
| 4. Our train was delayed so | d. I need it for my job. |
| 5. I learnt Spanish because | e. for its architecture. |
| 6. Can you tell me if this | f. his job is to explore underwater. |
| 7. London is famous | g. we missed the opening. |

4 Are these sentences correct? Tick the correct sentences. Rewrite the incorrect sentences.

Example: *The dentists chair is very comfortable.*

The dentist's chair is very comfortable.

1. My parent's friend is an explorer.

2. Dr Jones's job is to collect rock samples.

3. Jimmys' job is exciting.

4. Mr and Mrs Evans both love his jobs.

5. My dads goals are to be happy and healthy.

6. The childrens' aunt is in Alaska.

7. Will scientists discover ice on Jupiter's moons?

8. Dangerous jobs have our advantages.

WRITING

Write an interview about a family member's job. Use present simple questions and possessives.

Example: *What **does** your father like about **his** job?*

*My father flies planes. He loves **his** job because pilots' roles are so varied. **Their** routes change every day.*