



English Class 2

Notes Handout

What is the Present Simple tense?

You probably already know it!

- Basic verb conjugation
- Used for other verb tenses
 - Continuous / Progressive
 - Perfect
 - Future
 - Passive

I / You / They /We	talk
She / He	talks

I	am
you / they / we	are
he / she	is

What do you already know?

When should we use the Present Simple tense?

- She likes traveling.
- They go to the movies every weekend.
- Tomorrow I have a doctor's appointment.
- We want a new car, but they are so expensive.
- When you see your friend, ask him to help you.
- Be quiet! The baby sleeps.

The Present Simple

Give opinions and thoughts

She **likes** traveling.

They **think** that it will rain tomorrow.

My aunt **hopes** the Nets will win the championship.

Horacio **hates** that restaurant.

The Present Simple

Describe actions that happen regularly

They **go** to the movies every weekend.

My brother **leaves** for work around eight in the morning.

On Wednesdays my sister **has** piano lessons.

I usually **drink** coffee rather than tea.

On New Year's, my family **hosts** a big party that **lasts** until sunrise.

The Present Simple

Planned future events, used with future clauses

Tomorrow I **have** a doctor's appointment.

My meeting **begins** in twenty minutes.

The flight to Vancouver **takes off** at six a.m.

Commonly used verbs for this future tense

have, get, begin, start, stop, end, leave, return, work,

The Present Simple

Describe states and circumstances

We want a new car, but they **are** so expensive.

California **has** the largest population of the fifty states.

Pharmacies **sell** more than just medicine.

Pandas **eat** bamboo.

Roses **are** red.

The Present Simple

Conditions: actions that must happen **before** something else happens

Condition	Result
When you see your friend,	ask him to help you.
Whenever he drinks too much,	he gets a headache.
If it rains tomorrow,	we won't go to the park.
Before they make dinner,	they need to go to the store.

The Present Simple

NOT for things happening *right now*

Be quiet! The baby ~~sleeps~~ **is sleeping**.

Except for **sense** words:

I **smell** smoke. Is something burning?

I **hear** our neighbors talking. They're so loud!

I **feel** a little sick. I'm going to go to bed early.

Oh, there's my friend! I **see** her across the room.

This soup **tastes** a little bland. It needs more salt.

Let's Practice!

Complete the sentences with a verb form.

1. My aunt is very talented. She _____ the piano very well.
2. Every Friday, my oldest son _____ his younger brother.
3. If you _____ this summer, take lots of photos!
4. Kevin _____ to take ballet classes.
5. Some animals _____ 18 hours a day.
6. I _____ an important meeting tomorrow.

It is the end of May of 1) _____,
and like many people around the
world, I am 2) _____ in place
because of the coronavirus pandemic.
I live in the 3) _____ Bay
Area, and we have been under stay-
at-home orders since March 17,
4) _____ it's been more than
two months.

My 5)_____ life hasn't actually changed very much during the pandemic. Before this happened, I was on maternity leave, and so the shelter-in-place has become an extension of my maternity leave. Every day for me is pretty much the same, varying only according to infant 6)_____ and feedings. My daughter is now, thankfully, sleeping 7)_____ the night and wakes up around six o'clock, when we have breakfast together, along with our two dogs.

At around seven-thirty I go for an hour-long walk around the 8) _____ with her and the dogs. When we return, I either bake something or work in the 9) _____ for half an hour before feeding her again. After that I usually do some chores. (Because of the dogs, it's a 10) _____ to vacuum a little bit every day.) Then it's time for the baby to eat again and take her morning nap, which—on a good day—lasts about two hours. This is the longest stretch of time that I have to myself each day, so this is the time that I 11) _____ working on English tutorials or anything else that requires concentration.

I also have lunch during this time. If the weather is nice, I take the dogs and the baby outside after she wakes up. My husband 12)_____ from 13)_____, and this is when he often takes a short break and hangs out with us for a little while. She eats again, and then we play piano, get out some of her toys, or read some books, 14)_____ on her mood. Sometimes she sleeps a little bit more in the afternoon, but not for very long—maybe half an hour. At five o'clock in the evening, I like to have some kind of adult 15)_____—usually a glass of 16)_____, but sometimes a cocktail or a beer—and I start dinner.

My husband and I live with my father, and the three of us try to eat 17)_____ at six-thirty. If my husband is too busy, then I eat with my father. The baby 18)_____ started eating solid food, and she can sit in a high chair and eat with us. At seven, we give the baby a 19)_____ and my husband feeds her one last time and puts her to 20)_____ while I clean up the kitchen. We then watch TV and relax before my early bedtime of nine-thirty or ten. I'm 21)_____ at the end of every day.

Even though every day seems the
22)_____ in so many ways, the baby is
growing and changing so much these days
that each day can feel 23)_____ and
special. I miss taking her out for lunch, going
on hikes with my friends, and seeing my
brothers and their families, but I am so grateful
to be able to spend so much time with my
daughter. It's definitely a 24)_____ lining
in these troubling times.

Vocabulary

pandemic

actually

maternity leave

extension

varying

bake

chores

vacuum

concentration

break

mood

solid

exhausted

a silver lining

troubling