Present Simple — Worksheet

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Choose the correct option (a–d) for each gap or question. Check yourself with the answer key on the last page.

1. My brother _____ in a hospital in the city centre.
   a) works b) work c) working d) is work

2. She _____ her teeth twice a day.
   a) brushs b) brush c) brushing d) brushes

3. Our daughter _____ medicine at a university in Scotland.
   a) studys b) studies c) study d) studyes

4. Our cat _____ a white spot on its nose.
   a) have b) haves c) has d) is having

5. Lisa _____ to the gym every Friday evening.
   a) goes b) gos c) go d) going

6. My dad _____ coffee; he prefers tea.
   a) don't drink b) doesn't drinks c) doesn't drink d) not drinks

7. We _____ on Sundays, so we often sleep late.
   a) don't work b) doesn't work c) not work d) don't works

8. _____ your sister _____ near here?
   a) Do … live b) Does … lives c) Is … live d) Does … live

9. What time _____ you usually _____ up?
   a) does … get b) do … gets c) do … get d) are … get

10. How often _____ he _____ his grandparents?
    a) do … visit b) does … visits c) is … visit d) does … visit

11. She _____ breakfast, so she's hungry by ten every morning.
    a) never eats b) eats never c) never eat d) doesn't never eat

12. Tom _____ on time for meetings; he's very organised.
    a) always be b) is always c) does always be d) are always

13. Water _____ at 100 degrees Celsius.
    a) is boiling b) boil c) boiling d) boils

14. The bus to the airport _____ every twenty minutes.
    a) leaves b) leave c) leaving d) is leave

15. On weekdays I _____ the house at half past seven.

a) leaves b) leave c) am leave d) leaving

16. Sorry, I _____ the answer to that question.

a) am not knowing b) doesn't know c) don't know d) not know

17. This soup _____ delicious. Can I have some more?

a) tastes b) is tasting c) taste d) tasting

18. How often _____ you _____ to the dentist?

a) does … go b) do … goes c) is … go d) do … go

19. Anna and her husband _____ two children and a dog.

a) has b) have c) haves d) having

20. The shop _____ at nine in the morning and _____ at six.

a) open … close b) opens … close c) opens … closes d) open … closes

21. In my family, everyone _____ football.

a) love b) loves c) is loving d) loving

22. Babies _____ a lot — up to sixteen hours a day.

a) sleeps b) are sleeping c) sleep d) sleeping

23. _____ you like spicy food?

a) Are b) Does c) Is d) Do

24. _____ she a doctor or a nurse?

a) Does b) Is c) Do d) Are

25. He _____ speak Japanese, but he understands a little.

a) doesn't b) isn't c) don't d) not

26. Which sentence is correct?

a) She don't like cold weather.
b) She doesn't likes cold weather.
c) She doesn't like cold weather.
d) She not like cold weather.

27. Which question is correct?

a) Does he plays the guitar?
b) Does he play the guitar?
c) Do he play the guitar?
d) Is he play the guitar?

28. Which sentence is correct?

a) My father always reads the newspaper at breakfast.
b) My father reads always the newspaper at breakfast.
c) My father is always read the newspaper at breakfast.
d) My father always reading the newspaper at breakfast.

29. Which question is correct?

a) Are you agree with me?
b) Does you agree with me?
c) You are agree with me?
d) Do you agree with me?

30. Which question is correct?

a) Where does your brother work?
b) Where does your brother works?
c) Where your brother works?
d) Where is your brother work?

Answer Key

Present Simple · Explanations are shortened — the full interactive version is at gramvoy.com/exercises/present-simple/

1. a) works

My brother is he, so the verb adds -s: works.

2. d) brushes

Verbs ending in -sh, -ch, -s, -x and -o add -es after he, she and it: brush – brushes.

3. b) studies

When a verb ends in a consonant + y, the y changes to -ies: study – studies.

4. c) has

Have is irregular: after he, she and it, it becomes has, never haves.

5. a) goes

Go ends in -o, so it adds -es after she: goes, like does.

6. c) doesn't drink

My dad is he, so the negative is doesn't + the base form: doesn't drink.

7. a) don't work

With we the negative is don't + the base form: don't work.

8. d) Does … live

Your sister is she, so the question starts with Does, and the verb goes back to the base form: Does your sister live…?

9. c) do … get

With you the question word is followed by do, then the subject and the base form: What time do you get up?

10. d) does … visit

He takes does in questions, and after does the verb has no -s: How often does he visit…?

11. a) never eats

Adverbs of frequency go before the main verb: she never eats.

12. b) is always

With be the adverb comes after the verb: he is always on time.

13. d) boils

A scientific fact is always true, so the present simple: water boils.

14. a) leaves

Timetables and regular services take the present simple, and the bus is it: leaves.

15. b) leave

On weekdays describes a routine, so the present simple, and with I the verb has no ending: leave.

16. c) don't know

Know is a state verb: it describes what is in your head, not an action, so it isn't used with -ing.

17. a) tastes

Here taste describes what the soup is like — a state — so the present simple: it tastes delicious.

18. d) do … go

How often asks about a habit, so the present simple question: How often do you go…?

19. b) have

Anna and her husband are two people — they — so the verb is have.

20. c) opens … closes

Opening hours are a timetable, so the present simple, and the shop is it: both verbs take -s, opens and closes.

21. b) loves

Everyone, everybody and nobody are singular, so the verb takes -s: everyone loves.

22. c) sleep

This is a general fact about all babies, so the present simple, and babies is plural: sleep, without -s.

23. d) Do

Like is a main verb, so the present simple question needs Do: Do you like…?

24. b) Is

There is no other verb here, so the verb is be, and be makes questions by itself: Is she a doctor?

25. a) doesn't

Speak is a main verb, so the negative uses do: he doesn't speak.

26. c) She doesn't like cold weather.

With she the negative is doesn't + the base form: She doesn't like.

27. b) Does he play the guitar?

A question with he starts with Does, and the main verb loses its -s: Does he play…?

28. a) My father always reads the newspaper at breakfast.

Always goes before the main verb, and my father needs the -s: always reads.

29. d) Do you agree with me?

Agree is a verb, not an adjective, so it doesn't take be: Do you agree?

30. a) Where does your brother work?

A question word is followed by does + subject + base form: Where does your brother work?