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Explanations

Statements

We use the present simple to describe general facts, repeated actions and habits, things that are always true.

- general facts

I like milk.

They speak Turkish.

Maria plays basketball.

We live in Australia.

- repeated actions and habits

Harry often arrives late.

I usually get up at 7.30.

I walk to school every day. My brother usually walks with me.

- things that are always true

The sun rises in the east.

The earth goes round the sun.

I walk

we walk

you walk

they walk

BUT *he walks she walks it walks*

Spelling

go

goes

miss

misses

watch

watches

wash

washes

relax

relaxes

always, usually,

often,

sometimes,

never

always

100%

Tim always wears jeans.

usually

80%

I usually go to bed at 9.30.

often

60%

Sue often goes to the cinema.

sometimes

40%

Sam sometimes walks to school.

never

0%

It never rains here in August.

- The frequency adverb goes between subject and verb.

Monday always comes after Sunday.