## Practice 9  
Forms and Uses of the Simple Present Tense

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**EXAMPLE**

Cats like milk.
Some people shake hands when they meet.
We take a vacation every summer.
He comes from Iraq.

**USE**

For general truths
For customs
For regular or repeated actions or habits
For places of origin

**Language Note:** Three verbs have an irregular -s form: have (has), go (goes), and do (does).

### EXERCISE 1  
Write the correct verb in each sentence.

*Example* George and Mary (need / needs) need a new house.

1. Carlos (like / likes) __________ ice cream.
2. Tomoko (want / wants) __________ a new bicycle.
3. I (like / likes) __________ parties.
4. Some people (has / have) __________ class on Saturdays.
5. Birds (fly / flies) __________ in the sky.
6. New York City (have / has) __________ many tall buildings.
7. He (write / writes) __________ novels.
8. You (does / do) __________ your homework every night.
9. We (laugh / laughs) __________ at her jokes.
10. Jane and Sandra (visit / visits) __________ their family on Sundays.

### EXERCISE 2  
Read each sentence and label it *truth, custom, habit, or origin.*

*Example* I bite my fingernails. __________ habit __________

1. Marilyn comes from New Zealand. __________
2. Japan has many temples. __________
3. He eats his bread with butter. __________
4. Many people go on vacation in the summer. __________
5. Noodles come from China. 
6. Food costs money. 
7. I go to the movies on weekends. 
8. They play tennis together. 
10. I come from Peru. 

**EXERCISE 3** Write the correct form of the verb. Then finish the sentence with your own ideas.

**Example** He (like) **likes** our English class.

1. I (live) ____________
2. My family (live) ____________
3. I (study) ____________
4. My school (have) ____________
5. The students in my class (do) ____________
6. Our classroom (have) ____________
7. I (read) ____________
8. My friend (read) ____________
9. I (like) ____________

**EXERCISE 4** Read the paragraph and correct the mistakes. There are 10 mistakes.

**Example** He **does** his homework every night.

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**The San Diego Zoo**

The San Diego Zoo is a very special place. Many interesting animals live in the zoo. Visitors come from all over the world. Many people **like** the pandas. Right now, there is a baby panda at the zoo. The mother panda takes good care of the baby. She feed the baby and clean him as well. The baby gets a lot of attention. The zookeepers giving the baby toys to play with. In fact, the baby has a lot of toys everywhere!

He plays with his toys, and people takes pictures of him! He also sleep a lot. In the summer, all of the pandas sleep a lot. This is the time when many visitors go to the gift shop. At the gift shop, they buy panda toys for themselves!