Simple Present Tense

Structure & Usage

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What is simple present?

- Present = masa kini
- Simple = *incomplete, not on-going*; berarti rutinitas (*routines*), atau kebiasaan, atau
- Pada dasarnya, simple present tense adalah tense yang digunakan ketika mengungkapkan suatu aktivitas yang berupa kebiasaan, rutinitas, atau fakta apa adanya.

The structure

Perhatian!

Mohon diingat, bahwa meskipun namanya "simple", Present Simple Tense sama sekali bukan tenses yang simpel karena strukturnya berbeda-beda antara (1) positif, (2) negatif, (3) interogatif, dan (4) nominal/adjektif! Jadi, selalu konsentrasi dan berhati-hati ketika berhadapan dengan Simple Present Tense

The Elements of Structure

1. **Auxilliary** = do / does
   - Auxilliary do/does hanya digunakan ketika kalimatnya negative (pengingkaran) atau interrogative (pertanyaan)
   - Auxilliary **do** digunakan jika **subjek** = **I, you, they, we** (kelompok Ayu Dewi)
   - Auxilliary **does** digunakan jika **subjek** = **she, it, he** (kelompok Siti)
2. **Verb** yang digunakan adalah V1. Ini berarti pilihan V1 biasa atau V1-s (berakhiran -s/-es)
   - **V1** digunakan jika **subjek** = **I, you, they, we**
   - **V1-s** digunakan jika **subjek** = **she, it, he**
3. **Jadi, ingat!**
   - ✓ I, you, they, we = V1 = do
   - ✓ she, he it = V1-s = does

The Basic Structure

Seperti yang telah disebutkan sebelumnya, ada perbedaan struktur antara kalimat positif, negatif, interogatif, dan nominal/adjektival.

(+)   **S + V1/V1-s …**

(-)   **S + do/does + not + V1 …**

(?)   **Do / does + S + V1 … ?**

Positive pattern:

$$S + V1/V1-s \ldots$$

Contoh:

They study economics at college.

    S   V1   Object

Sherlyn plays guitar very well.

    S   V1-s   Object

Negative pattern:

$$S + do / does\ not + V1 ...$$

Contoh:

They do not study economics at college.

    S   do not   V1   Object

Sherlyn does not play guitar very well.

    S   does not   V1   Object

Interrogative Sentence (?)

Interrogative pattern:

Do / Does + S + V1 ...

Contoh:

Do they study economics at college?
do   S   V1   Object

Does Sherlyn play guitar very well?
does   S   V1   Object

Usage & Examples

1. Menyatakan rutinitas/aktivitas sehari-hari (*stating routines*).
   - You go to the post office once a week.
   - My grandma shops every Tuesday.
   - I study geography at college.
2. Menyatakan fakta (*stating facts*). Biasanya menggunakan nominal sentence.
   - His house is very big.
   - My house is not small.
   - You are my best friend.
   - They are not my friends.
3. Menyatakan kejadian yang sudah terjadwal/diasumsikan pasti terjadi tidak lama lagi.
   - The train does not arrive at 11 AM, it arrives at 11 PM.
   - Our class starts at 10.30.

Nominal Simple Present

What's Nominal Sentence?

- Nominal sentence is a sentence without action verb that stating an activity.
- The pattern:

$$S + be + Noun/Adjective$$

Example:

Annie is a nurse.
S   to be   Noun

Kevin is very smart.
S   to be   Adjective