Grammar: **The Simple Present**

**USE**: We use the Simple Present to talk about things that happen all the time or repeatedly. We also use to talk about something that is true in general. For example:

*I usually go to the beach in the summer. (habit)*

*I study English at IF on Wednesdays. (habit)*

*The earth goes round the sun. (truth)*

*Women drive better than men. (truth)*

**FORM**:

* When the subject is *I, you, we* or*they* the verb doesn’t change:

*I* ***get*** *up at eight every morning.*

* When the subject is *she, he* or*it* we have to add –s at the end of the verb:

*She* ***works*** *at Samsung, in Salvador.*

* We use **do/does** to make questions and negative sentences:

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| Do | I/we/you/they | work…? |  | I/We/You/They | don’t | work… |
| Does | she/it/he | come…? |  | She/It/He | doesn’t | do… |

**Exercises**

1. Link the sentences:

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| 1. How do you get to school?
 | ( ) I wash it every other day. What about you? |
| 1. Who does the laundry in your house?
 | ( ) I don’t know, but I think she cleans her house at least once a week. |
| 1. How often does your dad visit his parents?
 | ( ) I usually walk, but when it is raining I take the bus. |
| 1. Do you usually take a nap on weekends?
 | ( ) Yes, they do. |
| 1. How often do you wash your hair?
 | ( ) at 6, but I am definitely an evening person. |
| 1. When does your teacher clean the house?
 | ( ) Every Sunday. |
| 1. Do your parents have lunch together?
 | ( ) If I have time, I do. |
| 1. What time do you wake up?
 | ( ) My mom does. She usually does the laundry on Mondays and Wednesdays.  |

1. How can we say these sentences in English?
2. *Eu sempre arrumo minha cama antes de ir para a escola.*

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1. *Meu pai e minha mãe limpam a casa, meu irmão tira o lixo e eu lavo a louça nos finais de semana.*

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1. *Com qual freqüência você sai com seus amigos para jantar?*

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1. *Eu não pratico exercícios porque eu não tenho time.*

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1. Put the words in the correct order to make sentences:

English - it - important -I - because - study - I - think - is.

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Brother – in – My - Porto Alegre - works.

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at - up – My - 7am - wakes - mother.

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usually – My - weekend - friends – visit - on - me - the.

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bus - Our - takes - teacher – a - school - to.

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Wednesdays - I - Fridays - on - and - exercise.

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1. Write questions to be answered like this (think about the highlighted information):

Use the words Why/what/where/when/how often/ who/ what time.

I study English because I think it is important.

My brother works in Porto Alegre.

My mother wakes up at 7am.

My friends usually visit me on the weekend.

Our teacher takes a bus to school.

I exercise on Wednesdays and Fridays.

John leaves home at 8 o’clock.

I always have breakfast in the morning because I feel hungry.

My girlfriend and I sometimes go to the movies.

She has lunch in her company on weekdays.

My parents never travel. They like to stay at home.