



# LESSON 5. TAJ MAHAL



**Describe the picture.  
Give as many details as you can.**



**What springs to mind when you hear the word “travel”?**  
**What are the places to visit in your country?**  
**Why do people travel?**



# Travelling Requirements



- A. Destination
- B. Money
- C. Boarding Pass
- D. Luggage
- E. Accommodation
- F. Passport
- G. Transportation



**Why do we need these things when traveling?**

## Fill in the gaps

mausoleum	deceased	influential	recognizable	complex
burial chambers	honor	emperor	dome	landmark

1. .... a sovereign ruler of great power and rank, especially one ruling an empire.
2. .... a rounded roof on a building or a room, or a building with such a roof.
3. .... a person who has died.
4. .... a sovereign ruler of great power and rank, especially one ruling an empire.
5. .... an object or feature of a landscape or town that is easily seen and recognized from a distance, especially one that enables someone to establish their location.
6. .... a group of similar buildings or facilities on the same site.
7. .... regard with great respect
8. .... often below ground level, used to bury the remains of the dead.
9. .... a building, especially a large and stately one, housing a tomb or tombs.
10. .... having a lot of influence on someone or something



- The Taj Mahal is a famous **mausoleum** in India.
- A mausoleum is a building that contains **burial chambers** (tombs) for the **deceased**, they can be large or small and are often created in **honor** of **influential** people.
- The Taj Mahal is located in Agra, a city in the Uttar Pradesh region of northern India.
- It was built as the final resting place for Mumtaz Mahal, the third wife of Mughal **emperor** Shah Jahan.
- The name Taj Mahal means “crown of palaces”.
- Construction of the Taj Mahal took around 20 years, beginning around 1632 and finishing around 1653.
- The Taj Mahal is made of white marble.
- One of the Taj Mahal’s most **recognizable** features is a large white **dome** that is often called an ‘onion dome’ due to its shape. It has a height of around 35 metres (115 feet) and is surrounded by 4 smaller domes.
- The full height of the Taj Mahal is 171 metres (561 feet).
- The Taj Mahal is considered to be one of India’s most admired works of art, as well as a famous **landmark** and a tourist attraction that draws millions of visitors every year.
- The Taj Mahal **complex** includes a large garden, a reflecting pool, a **mosque** and other mausoleums.

## Comprehension Check

1. Taj Mahal is a famous burial chamber in India.
2. The burial chambers in Taj Mahal is for the living.
3. The size of the burial chambers varies.
4. Mumtaz Mahal is the first wife of Shah Jahan.
5. The original name of Taj Mahal is “crown of palaces”.
6. It took 20 years to finish the construction of Taj Mahal.
7. The “onion dome” is one of the recognizable feature of Taj Mahal.
8. There are 6 more smaller domes in Taj Mahal.
9. Taj Mahal is Indias most famous landmark.
10. A large garden can be found at Taj Mahal’s complex.

False

True



**How can traveling educate people?**

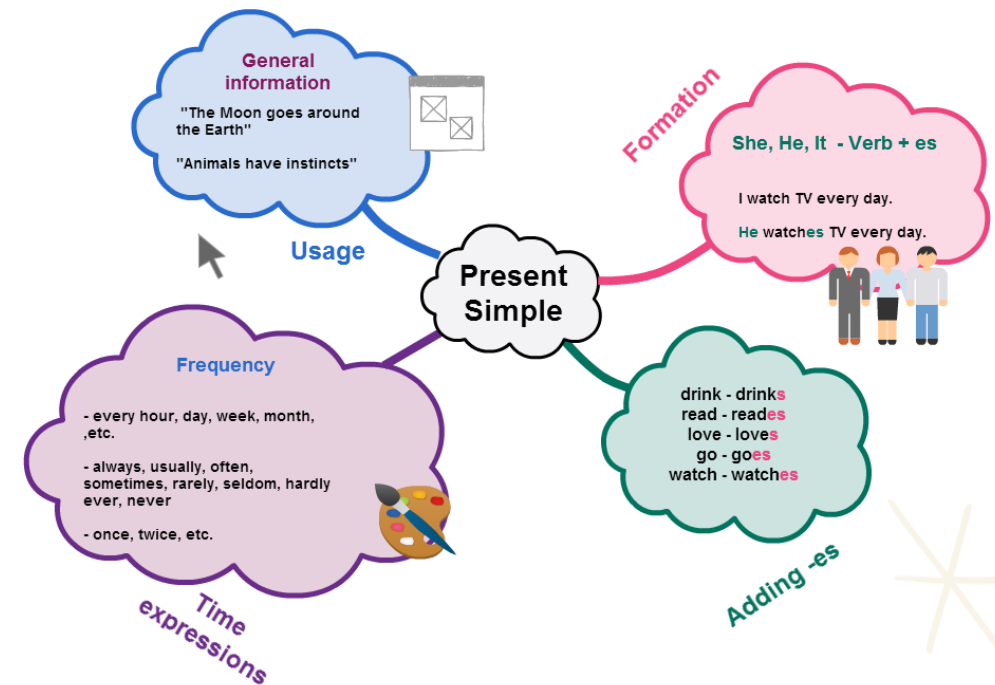


## Simple Present Tense

### How do we use this tense?

The Simple Present is a form of the verb that shows the action takes place in the present. Here are the different usages of this tense:

- **Repeating actions or habits**  
They **travel** every Sunday.  
He **goes** to school by bike.  
They usually **get** a lot of fish.
- **Facts or things which are true at all times**  
Taj Mahal is in India.  
The name Taj Mahal means “crown of palaces”.  
Cows **eat** grass.
- **Conditions (not actions) taking place at this moment.**  
She **looks** dangerous  
He **thinks** that she is pretty.  
They **feel** tired.



## Simple Present Tense

### FORMS

S + verb + object ...

I/we/they/you + like + tea.

He/she/it + likes + tea.

S + don't/doesn't + verb + object ...

I + don't + like + tea.

She + doesn't + like + tea.

Do/Does + S + verb + object?

Do + you/we/they/I + like + tea?

Does + he/she/it + like + tea?



Signal words

## Examples of Typical Time Expressions

Always

usually

Often

frequently

Sometimes

rarely

Never

once a \_\_\_\_\_

(minute, hour, day, week, month, year, etc)

every \_\_\_\_\_

(minute, hour, day, week, month, year, etc)

## Simple Present Tense

### Form of Affirmative Sentences - Part 1

#### Fill in the blanks

1. We sometimes ..... books.
2. Emily ..... to the disco.
3. It often ..... on Sundays.
4. Pete and his sister ..... the family car.
5. I always ..... to the bus stop.

### Form of Affirmative Sentences - Part 1

#### Put the verbs into the correct form.

1. I (to like) lemonade very much.
2. The girls always (to listen) to pop music.
3. Janet never (to wear) jeans.
4. Mr Smith (to teach) Spanish and French.
5. You (to do) your homework after school.

### Negative Sentences

1. My father makes breakfast. →
2. They are eleven. →
3. She writes a letter. →
4. I speak Italian. →
5. Danny phones his father on Sundays. →

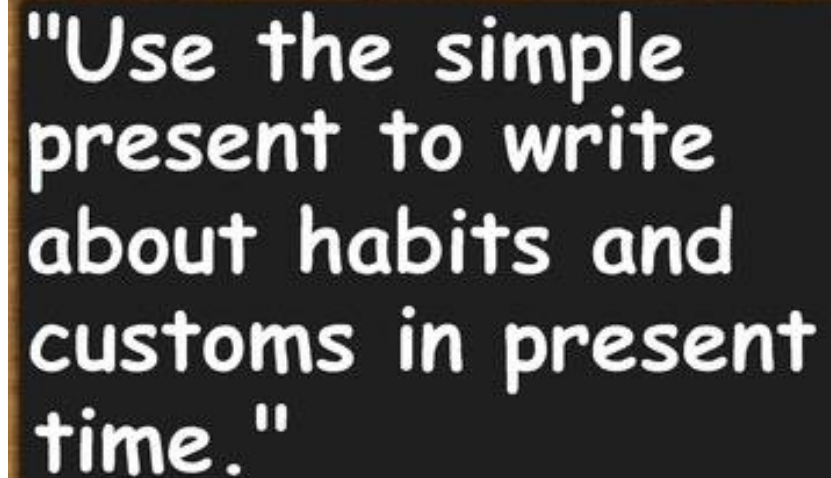
### Make questions.

1. you / to speak / English →
2. when / he / to go / home →
3. they / to clean / the bathroom →
4. where / she / to ride / her bike →
5. Billy / to work / in the supermarket →

## Simple Present Tense

**Give the correct form of the verbs. And transform into questions.**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to class every day.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) his car every Saturday.
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ (study) English every night after class.
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Sydney.
5. You \_\_\_\_\_ (know) everyone in this street.
6. They \_\_\_\_\_ (like) eating at that restaurant.
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to see that movies.
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ (see) her every Sunday.
9. They \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) at the concert every year.
10. It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) a lot here.
11. Bob \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to music class once a week.
12. The bus \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) at 4 o'clock.
13. Class \_\_\_\_\_ (start) at 9 o'clock.
14. Michael and Anna \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to London every month.
15. The room \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) lots of options!

A black chalkboard with a wooden frame, containing the text: "Use the simple present to write about habits and customs in present time."

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accommodation facilities	adventurous budget	Luggage itinerary	journey tourist	Scenic Tour
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1. They weren't sure if they could provide food and \_\_\_\_\_s for the whole group.
2. What's the average weekly \_\_\_\_\_ for a family of five?
3. The old stone chapel should be on every visitor's \_\_\_\_\_.
4. In the summer the town is filled with \_\_\_\_\_.
5. We went on a guided \_\_\_\_\_ of the museum.
6. Passengers are limited to two items of carry-on \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The country around here is very \_\_\_\_\_.
8. She's on the last leg of a six-month \_\_\_\_\_ through Europe.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ are at the end of the corridor.
10. The island attracts \_\_\_\_\_ travellers.

## Complete the sentences

## Irresistible cities: World's 25 top tourism destinations

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 25. Tokyo, Japan           | 15. Taipei, Taiwan         | 5. Paris, France     |
| 24. Milan, Italy           | 14. Rome, Italy            | 4. Bangkok, Thailand |
| 23. Mecca, Saudi Arabia    | 13. Seoul, South Korea     | 3. Singapore         |
| 22. Las Vegas, USA         | 12. Dubai, UAE             | 2. London, England   |
| 21. Prague, Czech Republic | 11. Antalya, Turkey        | 1. Hongkong          |
| 20. Shanghai, China        | 10. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia |                      |
| 19. Pattaya, Thailand      | 9. Istanbul, Turkey        |                      |
| 18. Miami, Florida, USA    | 8. New York, USA           |                      |
| 17. Phuket, Thailand       | 7. Shenzhen, China         |                      |
| 16. Guanzhou, China        | 6. Macau                   |                      |



**What do you call a person from the countries above  
and can you name their capitals?**

# Useful Expressions

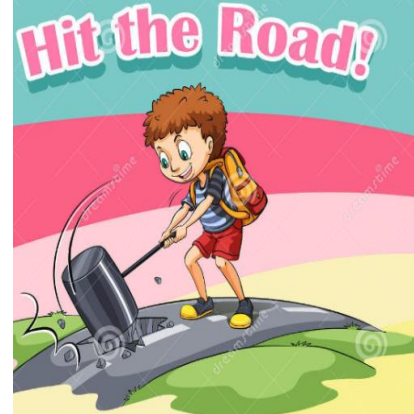
Discuss and make your own sentence.



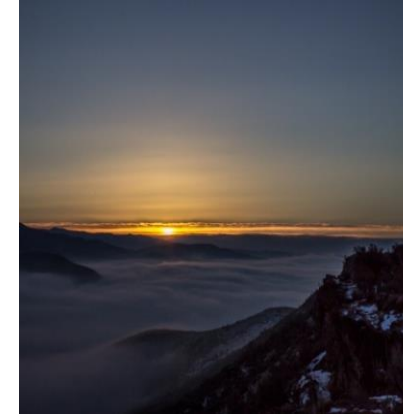
**Travel bug**  
– The urge to travel



**Off the beaten track/path**  
– a place where few people go, away from the frequently travelled routes.



**To hit the road**  
– to leave a place or begin a journey



**Bright and early**  
– very early in the morning



**Travel light**  
– to bring very few things with you when you on a trip

**Arrange the sentences in correct order.**

1. new / best / of / is / way / Travelling / having experiences. / the
2. in / a / to / big / about It's / think / questions / life. Time
3. perspective. / new / help / will / gain / It
4. different / about / can / learn / cultures. / We
5. will / your / true / discover / personality. You
6. the / appreciate / nature. / You / glory / / will / of
7. your / bond / deepen / It / the / with / family. / will
8. expand / will / our / awareness / It

**Why is travelling so important in life?**



1. When was the last time you travelled?
2. Have you travelled outside your country?
3. What is the best place you have been to?
4. Could you live in another country for the rest of your life?
5. What is your worst travel experience?
6. Do you prefer to travel on your own or with others?
7. Are there any countries that you would never like to visit? Why?
8. What are some things that you always take with you on a trip?
9. Do you prefer to visit another country or travel within your own country?
10. What types of leisure activities do you do on your holiday?
11. Would you like to travel to space?
12. Can you think of any bad things about travelling?





## Peter Piper

Peter Piper picked a peck of  
pickled peppers. A peck of pickled  
peppers Peter Piper picked.  
If Peter Piper picked a peck of  
pickled peppers,  
where are the pickled peppers  
Peter Piper picked?

# The End