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Present Simple for Scheduled Events

Talking About Timetables and
Planned Events in English

Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, you will:

- Understand when to use the present simple for scheduled events
- Recognize the structure of present simple sentences for timetables
- Create your own sentences about scheduled events
- Practice using present simple in real-life situations





What Is a Scheduled Event?

A **scheduled event** is something that happens at a specific time, like a train leaving or a class starting. These events are fixed and usually appear on a timetable or calendar.

For example:

- The bus arrives at 7:00 AM.
- The movie starts at 8:00 PM.

Present Simple Structure

Basic Structure

- **Subject + base verb (+s/es)**
- Use 's' or 'es' for he, she, or it.
- Used for events that are planned or on a timetable.

Examples

- The train **leaves** at 10:00 AM.
- The class **starts** at 9:00 AM.
- The concert **begins** at 7:30 PM.

Why Use Present Simple?



It shows certainty.

We use it for events on a fixed schedule.



It is clear and direct.

It tells us the exact time something happens.

How to Form Sentences

1 Choose Subject

Pick who or what the sentence is about, like 'the bus' or 'movie'.

2 Add Base Verb

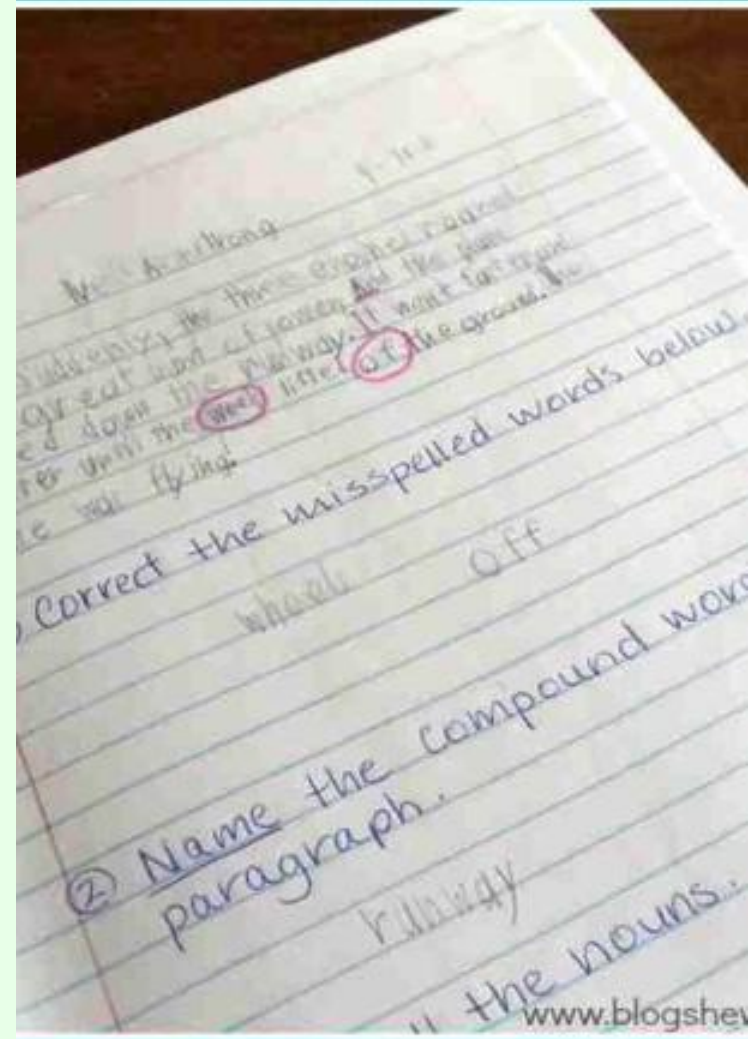
Use the verb's base form, like 'start' or 'begin'.

3 Add -s/-es

For he, she, or it, add -s or -es to the verb.

4 Mention Time

Say when the event happens to finish the sentence.



More Real-World Examples

Here are more examples of scheduled events:

- The flight **departs** at noon.
- The lecture **begins** at 2:00 PM.
- The exhibition **opens** next week.

These sentences show events that are planned and will happen at a specific time.



The image shows two airport departure boards. The left board lists flights from 08:20 to 11:15, including destinations like Miami, New York, Dubai, Barcelona, Madrid, Gothenburg, Amsterdam, Vienna, Munich, Helsinki, Oslo, Dallas/Ft Worth, Stockholm, New York, Vancouver, Dubai, Boston, Madrid, Raleigh-Durham, and Miami. The right board lists flights from 11:20 to 12:00, including destinations like Barcelona, Madrid, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, Singapore, Toronto, Helsinki, Sydney, Madrid, Dallas/Ft Worth, Melbourne, Copenhagen, Dubai, Bangkok, Hanoi, Hong Kong, Chicago, Ottawa, and Dubai. A digital clock in the bottom right corner shows 08:30.

Time	Flight	Flight Number	Status	Count
08:20	Miami	AA113	Flight closing	34
08:30	New York	AA115	Boarding	22
08:40	Dubai	EX008	Flight closing	7
09:20	Barcelona	BA454	Gate opens	09:09
09:30	Madrid	BA458	Gate opens	08:55
09:40	Gothenburg	AC3488	Delayed to 10:50	
09:45	Amsterdam	AI130	Flight closing	27
	via: Mumbai			
09:50	Vienna	BA788	Gate opens	08:55
09:55	Munich	AA057	Go to Gate	36
10:05	Helsinki	9W5061	Gate opens	09:15
10:10	Oslo	BA506	Gate opens	09:15
10:15	Chicago	AA087	Gate opens	08:55
10:20	Helsinki	AA6178	Gate opens	09:40
10:30	Oslo	3K904	Gate opens	09:45
10:25	Dallas/Ft Worth	AA091	Gate opens	09:05
10:35	Stockholm	AC3431	Gate opens	10:00
10:35	New York	V5003	Gate opens	09:20
10:50	Vancouver	W55055	Gate opens	09:50
10:50	Dubai	Q8006	Gate opens	09:20
10:55	Boston	AA109	Gate opens	09:35
10:55	Madrid	IB3163	Gate opens	10:10
11:00	Raleigh-Durham	AA173	Gate opens	09:40
11:15	Miami	V5005	Gate opens	10:00
11:20	Barcelona	BA474	Gate opens	10:20
11:25	Madrid	TK1988	Gate opens	10:40
11:30	San Francisco	V5019	Gate opens	10:15
11:35	Los Angeles	AA137	Gate opens	10:15
11:50	Los Angeles	V5007	Gate opens	10:35
11:55	New York	AA505	Gate opens	10:35
11:55	Singapore	AC9541	Gate opens	10:40
12:05	Toronto	AC857	Gate opens	11:15
12:05	Helsinki	BA794	Gate opens	11:10
12:05	Sydney	QF002	Gate opens	10:50
	via: Singapore			
12:10	Madrid	IB3175	Gate opens	11:25
12:15	Dallas/Ft Worth	AA081	Gate opens	10:55
12:20	Melbourne	QF008	Gate opens	11:05
	via: Hong Kong			
12:25	Copenhagen	AC3451	Gate opens	11:50
12:30	Dubai	AJ188	Gate opens	11:50
12:30	Bangkok	70811	Gate opens	11:30
12:35	Hanoi	AC823	Gate opens	11:50
12:35	Hong Kong	CX252	Gate opens	11:20
12:50	Chicago	AA047	Gate opens	11:30
12:00	Ottawa	W5003	Gate opens	12:10
12:00	Dubai	NB252	Gate opens	11:30

Tips for Using Present Simple



Be Clear

Use the present simple for scheduled events to avoid confusion.



Use Timetables

Check schedules to practice making sentences.



Practice Regularly

The more you practice, the easier it becomes.

Fill in the blanks

The train ____ at 8:00 ____ every ____.

Word bank 


leaves, arrive, night, morning, am, pm

Answers on the next slide...

Fill in the blanks



The train **leaves** at 8:00 **am** every **morning**.

Word bank 

leaves, arrive, night, morning, am, pm



Summary: Mastering Scheduled Events

You have learned to use the present simple for scheduled events. Remember:

- Use this tense for fixed, planned events.
- Add -s or -es for he, she, or it.
- Practice with real timetables and daily routines.

Keep practicing to become more confident in your conversations!