

**Grammar Practice  
Unit 1**

**Simple Present**

**Handout GP 1.1**

**A. Circle** the correct form of the simple present.

1. My brother (*play/played/plays*) the violin.
2. Nate and I (*wants/want/wanting*) to see the new James Bond movie.
3. Marissa (*do not like/does not likes/does not like*) broccoli.
4. Alex and Felicia (*are/is/am*) 15 years old.
5. You (*have not/do not have/does not have*) soccer practice tonight.
6. My school bag (*is/are not/have not*) ripped.
7. We (*don't are/aren't/not is*) finished with the exercises.
8. I (*does/are/am*) late for class!
9. Mr. Martin (*doesn't give/doesn't gives/don't give*) homework.
10. Everyone (*hope/hopes/hoped*) the Montréal Canadiens will win the Cup.

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**B. Write** the affirmative or negative form of the verb *to be* in the simple present.

**Use** context clues for help.

1. Ripe bananas \_\_\_\_\_ **are** \_\_\_\_\_ yellow. Unripe ones \_\_\_\_\_ **are** \_\_\_\_\_ green.
2. The apple in my lunch box \_\_\_\_\_ **is** \_\_\_\_\_ red.
3. Zebras \_\_\_\_\_ **are not** \_\_\_\_\_ orange with black stripes.
4. My brother's lizard \_\_\_\_\_ **is** \_\_\_\_\_ brown with a green stomach.
5. The sunset \_\_\_\_\_ **is not** \_\_\_\_\_ usually purple, but today it is a pretty shade of magenta.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ **am** \_\_\_\_\_ bright red! Sunburn, ouch!
7. The flag of the United States of America \_\_\_\_\_ **is** \_\_\_\_\_ red, white and blue.

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**C. Write** sentences to describe an object or objects with the colour(s) indicated.

**Use** Step B as a model. \_\_\_\_\_ examples of good answers

1. Red and white: **Students' answers will vary.** The Canadian Flag IS RED AND WHITE.
2. Yellow: Taxi cabs ARE yellow
3. Pink: Flamencos are pink.
4. White with black spots: Cows ARE white with black spots
5. Green and red: Green and red ARE the colours of Christmas

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D. Mrs. Rubio’s English class took a survey to find out which jobs they do around the house. **Look** at the results and **add** your name to one of the jobs. Then, **write** a sentence for each subject.

Wash the Dishes	Do the Laundry	Take out the Trash	Walk the Dog
Renaud	Carlos	Cléo	Liam
Jayden	Aurélie	Lucie	Jayden
Sami		Haru	
_____	_____	_____	_____

- Haru takes out the trash.
- Aurélie does the laundry.
- Cléo and Lucie take out the trash.
- Sami and Renaud wash the dishes.
- Liam walks the dog.
- Jayden washes the dishes \_\_\_\_\_ and walks the dog.
- I Students’ answers will vary.

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E. **Underline** the correct simple present verb. Then, **answer** the question.

- (Are/Is) Calgary in Manitoba?  
No, Calgary is not/isn’t in Manitoba.
- (Is/Does) Toronto have an NHL hockey team?  
Yes, Toronto has an NHL hockey team.
- (Are/Do) polar bears white?  
Yes, polar bears are white.
- (Is/Do) geese fly north for the winter?  
No, geese do not/don’t fly north for the winter.
- (Does/Are) *merci* mean *thank you* in French?  
Yes, *merci* means *thank you* in French.
- (Do/Is) spaghetti a type of dessert?  
No, spaghetti is not/isn’t a type of dessert.

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**F. Write** an affirmative or negative sentence in the simple present for the pairs below.

1. **Affirmative:** My favourite type of music is hip hop.

**Negative:** My favourite type of music is not/isn't hip hop.

2. **Affirmative:** The tennis practice starts at 8:00 a.m.

**Negative:** The tennis practice does not/doesn't start at 8:00 a.m.

3. **Affirmative:** Your French teacher is Mme Pelletier this year.

**Negative:** Your French teacher is not/isn't Mme Pelletier this year.

4. **Affirmative:** You live near the library.

**Negative:** You do not/don't live near the library.

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**G. Unscramble** the words to form information questions in the simple present.

1. is/absent/Colin/why/today

Why is Colin absent today?

2. school/Béatrice/does/how/to/get

How does Béatrice get to school?

3. this/is/when/over/period

When is this period over?

4. music group/is/favourite/your/which

Which music group is your favourite?

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**H. Write** a yes/no or an information question for each answer below.

1. **Q:** Do you understand the math homework?

**A:** Yes, I understand the math homework.

2. **Q:** Where is the park?/What is next to the high school?

**A:** The park is next to the high school.

3. **Q:** Is the library open right now?

**A:** No, the library isn't open right now.

4. **Q:** Why do you play chess?

**A:** I play chess because I love strategy games.

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