

Part 1 Grammar Explanation

IDEA 1 | Present (simple) verbs — affirmative, negative, and question forms.

A: I live here.	(S + V)
She lives here.	(S + V-s*)
N: I don't live here.	(S + don't + V)
He doesn't live here.	(S + doesn't* + V)
Q: Do you live here?	(Do + S + V)
Does he live here?	(Does* + S + V)
Where do you live?	(Wh- + do + S + V)
Where does he live?	(Wh- + does* + S + V)

- * Add **-s** for 3rd person singular subjects (he, she, it) in affirmative forms.
- * Use **doesn't** for 3rd person singular subjects (he, she, it) in negative forms.
- * Use **does** for 3rd person singular subjects (he, she, it) in questions forms.

IDEA 2 | Present (simple) verbs are often used with these time words:

every day, every month, every week, every year
always, often, usually, sometimes, rarely, never
once a week, three times a month, whenever, all the time

Jenny drinks coffee **every** morning.
I **usually** don't take the bus.
He visits the Tate Modern two or three times **a year**.
Do you exercise **often**?

IDEA 3 | Past (simple) verbs — affirmative, negative, and question forms

A: I studied.	(S + V)
N: I didn't study.	(S + didn't + V)
Q: Did you study?	(Did + S + V)
What did you study?	(Wh- + did + S + V)

IDEA 4 | Past (simple) verbs are often used with these time words:

a few minutes ago, an hour ago, three days ago, six years ago
yesterday, last week, last month, last year
in 2015, the day before yesterday, the other day

She arrived a few minutes **ago**.
Did you go out **last** weekend?
We went to the park **the other day**.
I didn't leave my home **yesterday**.

Part 2 Grammar Check *Put these verbs into past or present tense (simple tenses only).*

1. Jenny _____ (**not know**) a lot about London when she arrived.
2. Jenny still _____ (**not know**) a lot about London.
3. Rob often _____ (**visit**) the Tate Museum.
4. Rob _____ (**interview**) the architect last year.
5. Rob usually _____ (**arrive**) late to meetings.
6. Jenny never _____ (**arrive**) late.
7. Rob _____ (**ride**) his bike all the time.
8. Jenny _____ (**not like**) Shakespeare.
9. Jenny _____ (**study**) Shakespeare when she was in college.
10. Rob _____ (**go**) to the Tate Modern last year.
11. I am sure that Jenny _____ (**like**) coffee.
12. However, she _____ (**not like**) tea.
13. Jenny _____ (**not have**) a coffee today, so now she _____ (**feel**) tired.
14. Last night, Rob _____ (**go**) to bed early.
15. Jenny usually _____ (**take**) the bus to work, but today she _____ (**walk**).

16. Where _____ (**live, you**) now?
17. When _____ (**come, he**) home last night?
18. _____ (**eat, you, usually**) breakfast in the morning?
19. We _____ (**go out**) for dinner once a week.
20. She _____ (**buy**) a new car last year.

Part 3 Grammar Discussion *Cover the right side (answers) and try to ask and answer these questions.*

Uncover the right side to check your language.

Q1 | where / you / live / now / ?

Where do you live now?
I live in ...

Q2 | where / you / live / 10 / year / ago / ?

Where did you live 10 years ago?
(10 years ago,) I lived in ... (10 years ago).

Q3 | what / you / usually / have / breakfast / ?

What do you usually have for breakfast?
I usually have ... for breakfast.

Q4 | what / you / have / breakfast / today / ?

What did you have for breakfast today?
(Today) I had ... for breakfast (today).

Q5 | how / often / you / go / out / dinner / ?

How often do you go out for dinner?
I usually go out for dinner ... times per ...

Q6a | when / you / last / go / out / dinner / ?

When did you last go out for dinner?
I last went out for dinner (about) ... ago.

Q6b | where / you / go / ? what / you / have / ?

Where did you go? What did you have?
I went to ... and I had ...

Q7 | what / five / thing / you / do / every / day / ?

What five things do you do every day?
What are five things that you do every day?
Every day, I ...

Q8 | what / ten / thing / you / do / yesterday / ?

What ten things did you do yesterday?
What are ten things that you did yesterday?
Yesterday, I ...

Answers

1. Jenny **didn't know** a lot about London when she arrived.
2. Jenny still **doesn't know** a lot about London.
3. Rob often **visits** the Tate Museum.
4. Rob **interviewed** the architect last year.
5. Rob **usually arrives** late to meetings.
6. Jenny **never arrives** late.
7. Rob **rides** his bike all the time.
8. Jenny **doesn't like** Shakespeare.
9. Jenny **studied** Shakespeare when she was in college.
10. Rob **went** to the Tate Modern last year.
11. I am sure that Jenny **likes** coffee.
12. However, she **doesn't like** tea.
13. Jenny **didn't have** a coffee today, so now she **feels** tired.
14. Last night, Rob **went** to bed early.
15. Jenny usually **takes** the bus to work, but today she **walked**.

16. Where **do you live** now?
17. When **did he come** home last night?
18. **Do you usually eat** breakfast in the morning?
19. We **go out** for dinner once a week.
20. She **bought** a new car last year.