



Grammar Notes Extra

The presents simple is English is formed with the use of the auxiliary verb:

Be (am, is , are)

Do /Does

Have /has + a past participle.

Here are a few examples of how and when it is used.

Present simple is used when giving basic information about one self.

I'm = I am (usually contracted in spoken English)

I'm from Baltimore, Maryland it's on the east coast of The U.S.

I'm with / from Lucky Mushroom, it's (it Is) a language school based in Frankfurt Germany.

He's = He is , She's = She is , It's = It is

When referring to a third person that is anybody not involved directly in your conversation add an (S) to the verb. The most obvious case is when you use that person's name or the name of their organization.

The company employs 1,200 people worldwide.

Leo makes lessons for Real World English.

Susan travels quite a lot in her job.

Company Z exports goods all over the world

He's quite ambitious.

It's the biggest supplier of goods on the market.

When asking questions the most common structure is with the use of do and does.

Where do you work.

Where does (he, she , it) work?

How often do you travel.

How Many people does it employ

For giving a little more detailed information about how long a current situation has existed use the present perfect simple. Note that is also used to be vague about when something happened, you are simply stressing the fact that is matters now as in the third and fourth examples.

I have been (been is the past participle of be) with the company for more than 6 years!

I have know Jim for over 10 years.

She has contacted the speaker and he is now aware.

We have reached an agreement with the company.
I have been here since three this morning
We have been partners for more than two decades.

Note the negatives are formed with the use of (not).

I am not or I'm not
He is not or He's not
She is not or She's not

I do not or I don't
You do not or You don't

I have not seen or I haven't seen
You have not seen or You haven't seen
It has not seen or It hasn't seen

The pattern is the same for plural forms.