

**Week 1**  
**Supplementary material**  
**English for migrant activists**

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## What Is the Simple Present Tense?

The Present Simple tense is used to describe habits, facts, routines, and general truths.

### Structure:

- **Positive:** Subject + base verb (+s/es for he, she, it)
  - *She works in a factory.*
  - *They speak English.*
- **Negative:** Subject + do/does not + base verb
  - *He does not understand the law.*
  - *We do not have enough information.*
- **Question:** Do/Does + subject + base verb?
  - *Do you need help?*
  - *Does she attend the community meetings?*

### Common Uses:

- Talking about daily routines: *She goes to work at 7 AM.*
- Expressing general facts: *Many migrants face discrimination.*
- Stating rules or policies: *The law protects workers.*
- Asking for or giving information: *Do you know your rights?*

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### Examples Related to Migrant Issues

1. *Migrant workers live in difficult conditions.*
2. *The government provides legal aid to asylum seekers.*
3. *She speaks three languages.*
4. *He does not have a work permit.*

5. *Do the volunteers help new migrants?*
6. *Does your employer pay you on time?*
7. *Many migrants do not know about their legal rights.*

**Tip:**

- Use "do" for I/you/we/they and "does" for he/she/it in negatives and questions.

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### **Practice Exercises**

#### **A. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb**

1. She \_\_\_\_ (work) at a community center.
2. They \_\_\_\_ (need) support with their visa applications.
3. He \_\_\_\_ (not speak) English fluently.
4. The organization \_\_\_\_ (provide) food and shelter.
5. \_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_ (know) where to get legal help?

#### **B. Rewrite the sentences in negative form**

1. Migrants receive equal pay. → \_\_\_\_\_
2. She understands immigration policies. → \_\_\_\_\_
3. The workers have legal contracts. → \_\_\_\_\_
4. He helps new arrivals at the shelter. → \_\_\_\_\_
5. They know their employee rights. → \_\_\_\_\_

#### **C. Discussion Questions**

- What daily challenges do migrants face?
- What are some common laws that protect migrant workers?
- How can we use the Present Simple tense to talk about migrant issues?