ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

The Present Simple Tense Test A1 A2 Level Exercises

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Explanations

1. A: What _____ your husband do?

B: He's an engineer.
✔ **C) does**
Your husband is **he**, so the question uses **does**: **What does he do?** We use **do** with I, you, we and they.

2. A: What does Jane like doing?

B: _____
✔ **A) She likes shopping.**
The question asks what Jane **likes** doing, so the answer uses **likes**: **She likes shopping.** Not **She goes shopping**, because that says what she does, not what she likes.

3. A: What time _____?

B: At 6 o'clock.
✔ **A) does the library close**
Questions in the present simple use **does** + subject + verb: **What time does the library close? The library** is **it**, so we use **does**.

4. A: How does your father _____ to work?

B: By subway.
✔ **C) go**
After **does**, the verb has no -s: **How does your father go?** Not **goes**, because **does** already shows **he**.

5. A: Sue _____ a terrible headache. She can't be with us.

B: What a pity!
✔ **C) has**
With **he**, **she** and **it**, **have** becomes **has**: **Sue has a headache. Haves** is not a word.

6. The sun _____ in the east and _____ in the west.
✔ **A) rises / sets**
We use the present simple for facts. **The sun** is **it**, so we add -s: **rises** and **sets**. The sun rises in the east, not the west.

7. Sam is a bookworm. He _____ a lot.
✔ **B) reads**
A **bookworm** is a person who loves books, so he **reads** a lot.

8. _____ your friend live in the city centre?
✔ **B) Does**
Your friend is **he** or **she**, so we use **Does**: **Does your friend live…?** Not **Is**, because **live** is a normal verb.

9. Eric _____ a little Spanish but he _____ to improve it.
✔ **D) knows / wants**
Eric is **he**, so both verbs take -s: **knows** and **wants**. The word **but** shows he knows some Spanish and wants to know more.

10. A: _____ to class late every morning?

B: No, she doesn't.
✔ **C) Does Mary come**
With **Mary** (**she**), we use **Does**, and the verb has no -s: **Does Mary come…?** Not **Does Mary comes**.

11. A: Who _____ eating fish?

B: Tom.
✔ **B) doesn't like**
When **Who** asks about the person doing the action, we use **he/she** form: **Who doesn't like eating fish?** After **doesn't**, the verb has no -s, so not **does likes** or **don't likes**.

12. A: Does Helen read a lot?

B: Yes, _____.
✔ **B) she does**
Helen is **she**. A short yes answer is **Yes, she does.**

13. A: _____?

B: He lives in Station Road.
✔ **B) Where does your friend live?**
B answers **He lives…**, so the question is about a man: **Where does your friend live?** Not **Where do you live?**, because then B would say **I live…**.

14. _____ you speak any foreign languages?
✔ **D) Do**
With **you**, we use **Do**: **Do you speak any foreign languages?**

15. What time _____ at the weekends?
✔ **C) do you get up**
With **you**, the question is **do** + **you** + verb: **What time do you get up?** Not **does you**, because **does** is for he, she and it.

16. My school is within walking distance of my house so I _____ every morning.
✔ **D) go on foot to school**
Within walking distance means near enough to walk, so I **go on foot** (walk) to school.