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| **Simple Present: Specialized Uses** |
| **USE:**  | By now you are familiar with the basic uses of the SIMPLE PRESENT. To review, the uses of the SIMPLE PRESENT are as follows:* To describe habitual actions in the past

*I* ***get up*** *at 7am every morning.** To describe general truths

*Water* ***boils*** *at 100 degrees Celsius.** To indicate states

*I* ***feel*** *very tired.** To indicate a scheduled future event

*The train* ***leaves*** *at 9pm tonight.*Because the SIMPLE PRESENT is the most widely used tense in English, you will encounter a few other uses of the SIMPLE PRESENT. You will see and hear the SIMPLE PRESENT used in the following situations:* To verbally tell a story that happened in the past

*So, I* ***go*** *to the store and there* ***is*** *this weird person at the counter. He* ***has*** *a gun.** To provide commentary as an event is happening. This is usually used for sports.

*Gretzky* ***has*** *the puck. He* ***skates*** *around the defenders. He* ***shoots****. He* ***scores****!** To summarize an article in a newspaper headline

*Lance Armstrong* ***wins*** *the Tour de France one more time* |

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| *Match the example sentence of SIMPLE PRESENT in the right hand column with the use in the left hand column.* |

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| 1. When you mix blue and yellow you get green.
 | 1. A newspaper headline
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| 1. I am excited about the party.
 | 1. A habit
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| 1. Here I am, in the middle of nowhere, at ten o’clock at night. My backpack weighs a tonne. So I just start walking.
 | 1. Commentary
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| 1. The flight leaves at 3pm.
 | 1. A general truth
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| 1. I eat fish three times a week.
 | 1. A story being told verbally
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| 1. The UN Decides to Send Peacekeepers
 | 1. A schedule future event
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| 1. Beckham takes the kick. The ball curves over the keeper just out of his reach. It’s a goal!
 | 1. A state
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