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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 |
| 1. I am excited about the party. | 1. A habit |
| 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 |
| 1. The flight leaves at 3pm. | 1. A general truth |
| 1. I eat fish three times a week. | 1. A story being told verbally |
| 1. The UN Decides to Send Peacekeepers | 1. A schedule future event |
| 1. Beckham takes the kick. The ball curves over the keeper just out of his reach. It’s a goal! | 1. A state |