

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – WESTERN PROVINCE
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Work sheet 1

Simple Present Tense

We use the simple present to talk about people’s habits and things they do regularly. We also use it to talk about things that are usually or always true.

To make negative sentences we add “does not ” (singular) / “do not” (plural)

Eg. They play cricket in the evening. They do not play volleyball.
 The sun rises in the East. The sun does not rise in the West.
 I go to school with my friends. I do not go to school with my brothers.
 My mother gets up early in the morning. My mother does not get up late.
 We help our parents. We do not disturb our parents.

Task 1

Read the poem and underline the present tense verbs.

Growing Old

The days grow shorter, the nights grow longer,
The headstones thicken along the way;
And life grows sadder but love grows stronger
For those who walk with us, day by day.

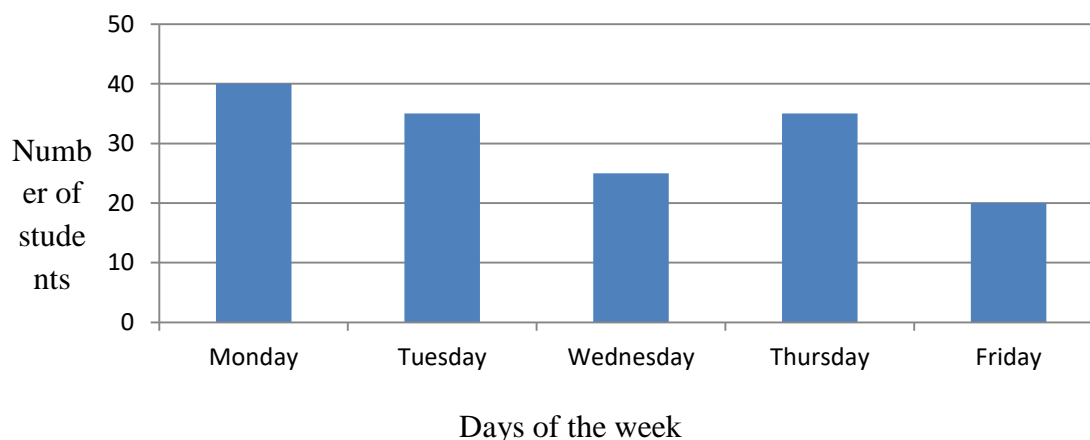
The tear comes quicker, the laugh comes slower,
The courage is lesser to do and dare;
And the tide of joy in the heart runs lower,
And seldom covers the reefs of care.

But all true things in the world seem truer,
And the better things of the earth seem best;
And friends are dearer as friends are fewer,
And love is all as our sun dips west.

Then let us clasp hands as we walk together,
And let us speak softly, in love’s sweet tone;
For no man knows on the morrow, whether
We two pass by, or but one alone.

Task 2

The following bar graph shows the attendance of a group of students in grade 11A during the previous week. Study the description and underline the present tense verbs.



The above bar graph shows the attendance of a group of students in grade 11A during the previous week. The horizontal axis represents the five days of the week. The vertical axis represents the number of students. The most number of students have attended the school on Monday which is 40. The least number of students have attended school on Friday which is 20. An equal number of students have attended school on Tuesday and Thursday which is 35 each.

Task 3

Write five things you do every day and write five things your mother does every day.

YOU

1. I get up at 6 o'clock.
2.
3.
4.
5.

YOUR MOTHER

1. My mother gets up 4 o'clock.
2. She.....
3.
4.
5.

Task 4

Look at the information given about Lal and complete the information about your daily routine. Write sentences following the given example.

	Lal	You
at 6 o'clock	get up	
at 6.45	have breakfast	
at 7 o'clock	go to school	
at 2 o'clock	come home	
at 2.30	take lunch	
at 4 o'clock	Play cricket with friends	
at 8 o'clock	eat dinner	
at 9 o'clock	go to bed	

Eg. Lal gets up at 6 o'clock. I get up

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.
7.

Task 5

Fill in the blanks using 'is', 'am' or 'are'.

1. I a student.
2. Theymy friends.
3. He a good boy.
4. She my sister.
5. Wefrom Kandy.

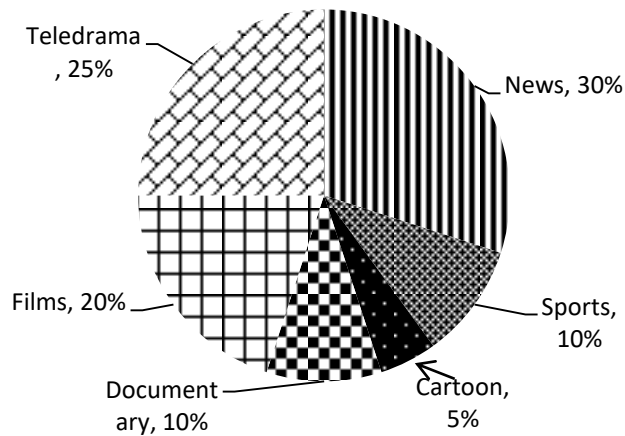
Task 6

Use the verbs in brackets in the correct form to make present simple sentences.

1. She her hair twice a week. (wash)
2. You very good. (be)
3. He beautiful pictures. (draw)
4. I books in the evening. (read)
5. Theydoctors. (be)
6. My pet catdogs. (not like)
7. My friendsEnglish. (not like)
8. My peta dog. (be).
9. She (help) her mother to cook.
10. I in grade eleven. (be).

Task 7

Fill in the blanks with the data taking from the pie chart.

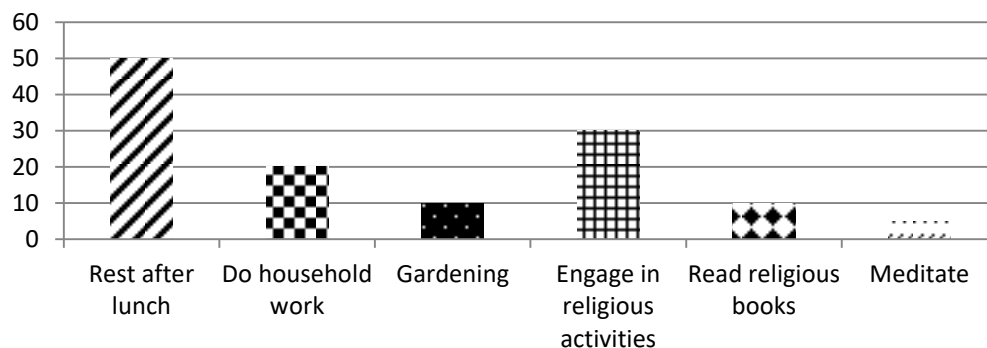


(like, shows, are)

The chart (1) _____ what T.V programmes the teachers of a school like to watch. The T.V programmes they watch (2) _____ teledramas, films, documentary, cartoons, sports and news. The majority of teachers (3) _____ to watch news which is 30%. The minority of teachers (4) _____ cartoons. An equal number of teachers (5) _____ sports and documentarv which is 10.

Task 8

The following bar graph shows how the senior citizens of Eheliyagoda spend time on Saturdays. Read the description and write the correct verb form given in the brackets.



The above bar graph (1) _____ (show) how senior citizens of Eheliyagoda spend time on Saturdays. The horizontal axis (2) _____ (represent) the activities and the vertical axis (3) _____ (depict) the number of senior citizens. The most number of senior citizens (4) _____ (like) to rest after lunch. The least number of senior citizens (5) _____ (spend) their time by meditating. Many senior citizens (6) _____ (engage) in religious activities.

Task 9

Re- arrange the words and make meaningful sentences.

1. go/ the / market / not / on /Sunday/ mother/to/ does/my
.....
2. play/ cricket / we / in / the / do / evening / not
.....
3. teacher/class/ comes / to /early / our/school/ always
.....
4. live/ grandparents/ in/my/ Kandy/
.....
5. School/ at / 7.30 a.m./ our / starts/
.....

Task 10

Read the passage and answer the questions given.

I am Nadee. I live in Colombo. I have two brothers .One is elder to me and the other is younger to me. I do not have any sisters. My grandma lives in Kandy with my uncle. She does not visit us very often. But, when she visits she brings us tasty fruits. My mother goes shopping with her. We want her to live with us. But she does not like to live in Colombo.

1. Does Nadee live in Colombo?
2. Does her grandma visit them very often?
3. Where does Nadee's grandmother live?
4. What does she bring?
5. Who goes shopping with the mother?
6. How many brothers does Nadee have?

Task 11

Read the poem and answer the questions.

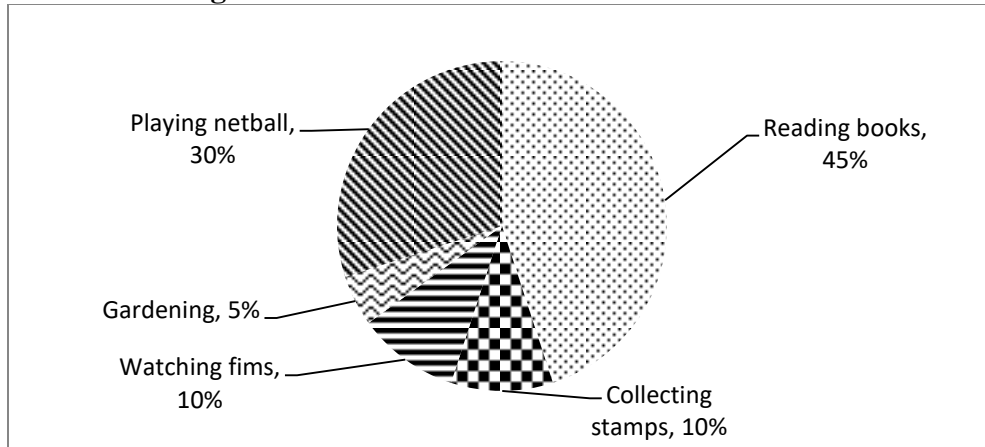
Cocks Crow in the Morn

Cocks crow in the morn
To tell us to rise.
And he who lies late
Will never be wise.
For early to bed
And early to rise
Makes a man healthy,
Wealthy and wise.

- 1) When do cocks crow?
- 2) What does the cock tell?
- 3) What happens to the person who lies late?
- 4) What makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise?
- 5) When do you get up in the morning?

Task 12

The following pie chart shows the hobbies of grade 11 students. Study the chart and describe it using 5 sentences.



1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Task 13

Write a paragraph about a person you know.