

What is Present Simple Used for in Advanced Discourse?

Worksheet

Present Simple in advanced discourse expresses universal truths, professional facts, and formal statements—crucial for academic writing and professional English.

Questions

1. Which context most commonly uses Present Simple for formal authority?
A) Casual conversation
B) Academic writing and research
C) Telling a story
D) Describing something happening right now
2. What does 'the news present' mean?
A) Present tense used only in news headlines
B) Using Present Simple for recent events to create immediacy
C) The current time
D) A type of gift
3. 'Water boils at 100°C.' Why is Present Simple used here?
A) It's happening right now
B) It's a timeless fact that's always true
C) Someone is boiling water
D) It's a prediction
4. Which sentence is most formal and professional?
A) He is going to meetings
B) He goes to meetings
C) He went to meetings
D) He has been going to meetings
5. Express a timeless fact in academic writing: Water boils at 100°C.
6. Write a professional statement: 'Our company values innovation and sustainability.'
7. Report a current news event: 'The government announces new climate policies.'
8. Define: When do we use Present Simple in formal writing?
9. Define: Why does news use Present Simple for past events?
10. Define: What's the difference between casual and formal Present Simple?

Answer Key

1. B) Academic writing and research — Academic writing uses Present Simple for timeless facts and theories, giving them authority and permanence.
2. B) Using Present Simple for recent events to create immediacy — Journalists use Present Simple for recent events to make them feel current and authoritative: 'The president announces new policies.'
3. B) It's a timeless fact that's always true — It's a universal, timeless truth—true whenever, wherever. Present Simple is the only tense for such facts.
4. B) He goes to meetings — 'He goes' is Present Simple, most formal and professional for describing habitual, permanent roles.
5. Timeless facts require Present Simple in formal contexts. Water boils (present) is always true, regardless of when written. This structure gives authority to scientific and academic statements.
6. Corporate policies use Present Simple for permanence and authority. It describes what the company IS, not a temporary action. Most mission statements and formal policies follow this structure worldwide.
7. News uses Present Simple for immediacy and factual authority. Even recent events use Present Simple to make them feel authoritative. Journalists call this the 'news present' or 'journalistic present' tense.
8. For timeless truths, universal facts, professional policies, and formal statements—conveying permanence and authority.
9. It creates immediacy and authority, making recent events feel current and factual.
10. Casual: 'He goes to work.' Formal: 'Water boils at 100°C.' Formal uses it for universal truths and policies.

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