

The Present Form (1st Form) of Verb

Rule-1

Use 1st form of verb in sentences with the markers.

often, always, usually, daily, generally, seldom, never, every, regularly, etc.

NOTE: Add "s/es" to the 1st form of verb if the subject is *he, she, it* or singular noun.

- We *generally speak* Urdu in college. (2 Times)
- He *teaches* us English *daily*. (2 Times)

EXERCISE

- (1) They usually ____ to Muree/Karachi in summer. (8 Times)
a) went b) will go c) go d) have Gone
- (2) She always ____ the truth. (5 Times)
a) is speaking b) will speaking c) speaks d) had spoken
- (3) It seldom ____ here in winter. (2 Times)
a) rain b) rains c) raining d) has rained
- (4) He quite often ____ us. (2 Times)
a) visit b) visits c) is visiting d) has visited
- (5) I ____ tea every morning. (2 Times)
a) take b) takes c) have taken d) had taken

Answer	1	C	2	C	3	B	4	B	5	A
Key										

Rule-2

Use 1st form of verb in sentences with the markers:

should, would, may, might, must, can, could, ought to, had better, would rather, dare, used to, need not, infinitive to, let and imperative sentences.

- You *had better consult* me. (2 Times)
- He *dare not kill* the snake. (1 Time)

EXERCISE

- (1) Work hard lest you _____. (13 Times)
a) should fail b) will fail c) fail d) can fail
- (2) I advised him _____ the truth. (6 Times)
a) to say b) to tell c) to speak d) to ask
- (3) Walk carefully lest you _____ fall. (2 Times)
a) may b) might c) should d) can
- (4) _____ from greedy persons. (2 Times)
a) Keep away b) Keeps away c) Kept d) Kept away
- (5) We ought to _____ our elders. (2 Times)
a) obey b) obeyed c) have obey d) obeying

Answer	1	A	2	C	3	C	4	A	5	A
Key										

Rule-3

Use 1st form of verb in sentences describing universal, general or scientific truths/facts.

- A black sheep *spots* the whole flock. (6 Times)
- Honesty never *goes* wasted. (5 Times)

EXERCISE

- (1) **Charity ____ at home.** (9 Times)
 a) being b) began c) has begun d) begins
- (2) **Two and two ____ four.** (8 Times)
 a) made b) makes c) make d) will make
- (3) **Uneasy lies the head that ____ a crown.** (7 Times)
 a) wear b) wears c) wore d) will wear
- (4) **Money ____ the mare go.** (7 Times)
 a) makes b) make c) will make d) made
- (5) **A rolling stone ____ no moss.** (7 Times)
 a) gathers b) gather c) shall gather d) gathered

Answer	1	D	2	C	3	B	4	A	5	A
Key										

Rule-4

Use 1st form of verb in sentences describing natural phenomena, habits/preferences/routines/schedules or announcements.

- The sun *rises* in the east. (7 Times)
- She *loves* her cat very much. (1 Time)

EXERCISE

- (1) **We ____ five times a day.** (3 Times)
 a) will have pray b) would pray c) pray d) praying
- (2) **The peon ____ the bell in the morning.** (3 Times)
 a) ring b) ringing c) rings d) rung
- (3) **He loves to ____ at noon.** (1 Time)
 a) sleep b) sleeping c) have slept d) be slept
- (4) **He ____ hunger to begging.** (1 Time)
 a) has preferred b) prefers c) is preferring d) has been preferring
- (5) **Good students ____ their time.** (1 Time)

a) are valued

b) does value

c) value

d) values

Answer	1	C	2	C	3	B	4	R	5	C
Key										

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Rule-5

Use 1st form of verb in sentences with the markers like *do, does, did, shall, will* etc.

- He *did* not *invite* me. (1 Time)
- What *will* he *do*? (1 Time)

EXERCISE

- (1) Good students ___ their time. (2 Times)
 a) not waste b) are not waste c) does not waste d) do not waste
- (2) We ___ help them. (1 Time)
 a) has b) have c) shall d) have been
- (3) Why did they ___ a noise? (1 Time)
 a) make b) makes c) made d) making
- (4) The classes ___ in a week. (1 Time)
 a) starts b) will start c) is starting d) has started
- (5) Why did you ___ him? (1 Time)
 a) teased b) teasing c) teases d) tease

Answer Key	1	D	2	C	3	A	4	B	5	D
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Rule-6

Use 1st form of verb in the *if/when-part* of a sentence when the other part is with *shall/will + V-I*.

- You will fall ill *if* you *eat* too much. (1 Time)
- If they *work* hard, they will pass. (1 Time)

EXERCISE

- (1) If he ___ hard, he will pass/succeed. (1 Time)
 a) work b) works c) working d) worked
- (2) If you ___ the dog, it will bite you. (1 Time)
 a) tease b) teased c) will teased d) have tease
- (3) When he ____, I will let you know. (1 Time)
 a) arrive b) arrives c) arrived d) will arrive
- (4) I shall not go to Lahore if it _____. (1 Time)
 a) rain b) rains c) will rain d) rained
- (5) You will be ill if you ___ too much. (1 Time)
 a) eat b) eats c) will eat d) is eaten

Answer Key	1	B	2	A	3	B	4	B	5	A
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Rule-7

Use 1st form of verb in the sentences with verbs of senses (*see, hear, feel, etc.*) and causative verbs.

- The man *felt* his hair *flutter*.
- He *made* me *stand*. (1 Time)

EXERCISE

- (1) I will make them _____ English first.
 a) learned b) learns c) learn d) learnt
- (2) He *saw* me _____ up this string here.
 a) picked b) picks c) to pick d) pick
- (3) Did he feel his tissues _____ tight.
 a) draws b) draw c) drew d) drawn
- (4) The boy could hear other roomers _____.
 a) to laugh b) laughed c) laughs d) laugh
- (5) The young man heard orchestra _____ in the restaurant.
 a) play b) plays c) played d) to play

Answer Key	1	C	2	D	3	B	4	D	5	A
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Complementary Exercise-1

- (1) If he _____, I shall help him. (10 Times)
 a) came b) come c) comes d) coming
- (2) All is well that _____ well. (5 Times)
 a) ends b) ended c) will end d) end
- (3) It usually _____ here in June. (4 Times)
 a) rains b) rained c) will rain d) rain
- (4) Dogs always _____ at strangers. (2 Times)
 a) bark b) barks c) will bark d) barked
- (5) They _____ exercise daily. (2 Times)
 a) takes b) take c) had taken d) taking
- (6) We should _____ the poor. (2 Times)
 a) help b) helps c) helped d) has helped
- (7) He should _____ his parents. (2 Times)
 a) helps b) helped c) I have helped d) help
- (8) Hard work never _____ waste. (2 Times)
 a) go b) went c) goes d) will have gone
- (9) Slow and steady _____ the race. (2 Times)
 a) wins b) won c) had won d) win
- (10) Iron _____ in water. (2 Times)
 a) sinks b) has sinking c) sink d) have sunk

Answer Key

1	A	2	A	3	C	4	B	5	A	6	D	7	A	8	C	9	A	10	A
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Complementary Exercise-2

- (1) **It _____ two to make a quarrel.** (2 Times)
 a) take b) takes c) will take d) took
- (2) **The office ____ at 4 P.M.** (2 Times)
 a) is closed b) close c) closes d) closing
- (3) **The earth ____ around the sun.** (2 Times)
 a) revolves b) revolve c) revolving d) revolved
- (4) **Beauty ____ no ornaments.** (2 Times)
 a) need b) needed c) has needed d) needs
- (5) **All that ____ is not gold.** (2 Times)
 a) glitters b) glitter c) glittered d) will glitter
- (6) **She _____ us English daily.** (1 Time)
 a) teach b) teaches c) had made d) meet
- (7) **He ____ to college daily in time.** (1 Time)
 a) go b) goes c) going d) gone
- (8) **She should ____ to function.** (1 Time)
 a) went b) go c) goes d) gone
- (9) **Work carefully lest you ____.** (1 Time)
 a) shall fail b) might fail c) can fail d) should fail
- (10) **You had better ____ to your doctor.** (1 Time)
 a) go b) went c) have gone d) gone

Answer Key

1	B	2	C	3	A	4	D	5	A	6	B	7	B	8	B	9	D	10	A
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Complementary Exercise-3

- (1) **The majority of people in Pakistan ____ Muslims.** (2 Times)
 a) is b) are c) were d) been
- (2) **Walk fast lest you _____ the train.** (1 Time)
 a) miss may b) miss c) might miss d) should miss
- (3) **We should ____ to the river.** (1 Time)
 a) went b) go c) going d) gone
- (4) **The stove _____ water.** (1 Time)
 a) heats b) does not heat c) do not heat d) heat
- (5) **Bread and butter ____ necessary for life.** (1 Time)
 a) is b) are c) am d) be
- (6) **This is the girl who _____ me.** (1 Time)
 a) guides b) guided c) has guided d) will guide
- (7) **She generally ____ English.** (1 Time)
 a) speaks b) speak c) speaking d) has spoken
- (8) **Truth ____ ever green.** (1 Time)
 a) was b) are c) will be d) is
- (9) **Truth always ____.** (1 Time)
 a) triumphed b) has triumphed c) triumphs d) triumph
- (10) **Good students always ____ hard.** (1 Time)
 a) worked b) work c) are working d) have been working

Answer Key

1	B	2	D	3	B	4	A	5	A	6	A	7	A	8	D	9	C	10	B
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