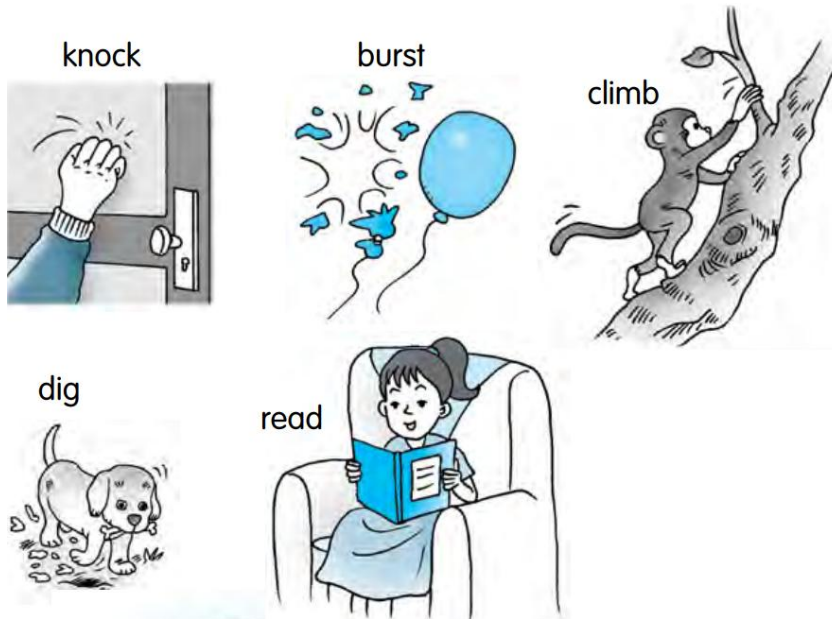


The Simple Present Tense

Verbs and Tenses

Verbs: Most verbs are action words. They tell you what people, animals or things are doing.

Here are some verbs: knock, burst, climb, dig, and read.



Find more verbs on your own.

Tense: The concept of tense in English is a method that we use to refer to **time** - past, present and future.

Verb Tense: Verb tenses tell the time an action take place.

The Simple present Tense

Verbs that express actions occurring **now** are said to be in the present tense.

- Jason **jumps** out the window.
("Jumps" is the present tense of the verb "to jump.")
- Who **is** ill?
("Is" is the present tense of the verb "to be.")
- He **is** the kind of a guy who **lights up** a room just by flicking a switch.
("Is" is the present tense of the verb "to be," and "lights up" is the present tense of the verb "to light up.")

Singular noun takes singular verb and plural noun takes plural verb.

More examples.



Uncle Joe **wears** glasses.



The sun **rises** in the east.



Melanie **starts** school tomorrow.



Next week I **go** to summer camp.



Ducks **love** water.



The children **go** to school by bus.

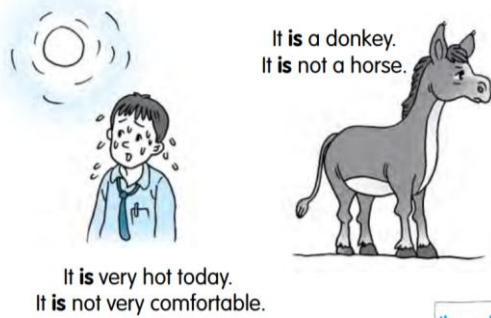


The train **departs** in five minutes.

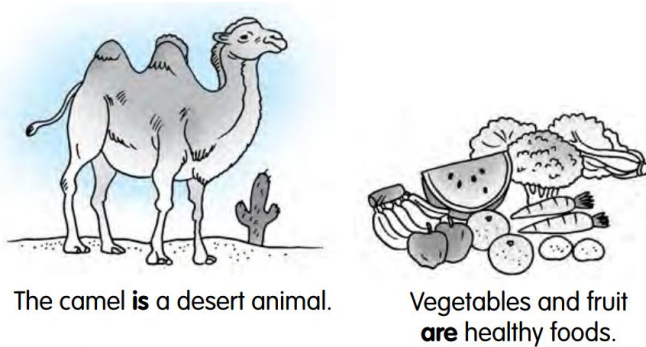
AM, IS and ARE

The words “**am**”, “**is**”, and “**are**” are also verbs, but they are not action words. They are the simple present tense of the verb be.

Use “**am**” with the pronoun I, and “**is**” with the pronouns “he”, “she” and “it”. Use “**are**” with the pronouns you, we and they.



Use the verb “**is**” with singular nouns and “**are**” with **plural nouns**.



Use “**is**” and “**are**” with the word **there** to say what you can see and hear.

