Living Things

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Present Simple Tense

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Other examples of present simple:

1. Smoking causes cancer.

2. Emperor penguins don't live in the Arctic.

3. Flowers need sunlight and water to grow.

4. Does water boil at 100c?

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Give me examples on the present simple tense.

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1. Mother and father penguins work together to feed the babies. (plural subject)

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4. Birds have feathers. (It is a fact so we use the present simple tense)

5. Does the sun rise from the east? (singular subject)

Form of the present simple tense:

+ Singular subject + V + (s / es) + complement.
+ Plural subject + V (base form) + complement.　　　　　→ Affirmative

- Singular subject + doesn't + V (base form) + complement.　→ Negative
- Plural subject + don't + V (base form) + complement.

? Does + Singular subject + V (base form) + complement?　　→ Questions
? Do + Plural Subject + V (base form) + complement?