



It is what you believe it is

CAPS Statement

Language Structures & Conventions

Working with words and sentences:

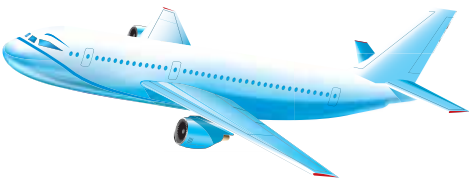
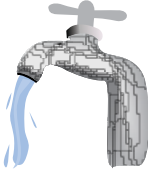
Simple present to describe universal truths, e.g. 'The sun sets in the west.'

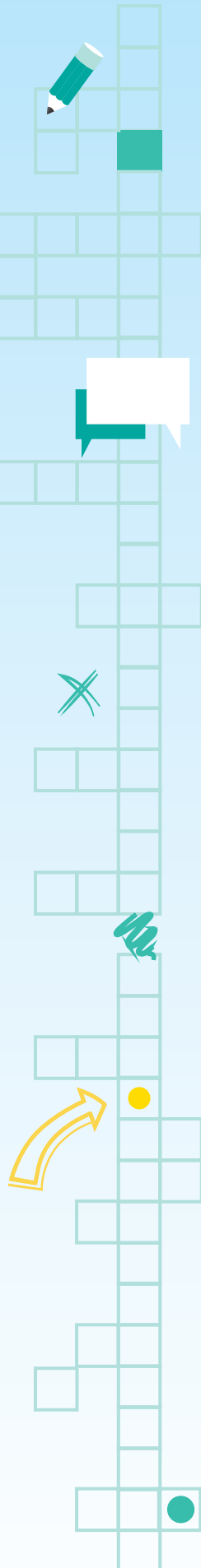
Note

The present simple is used to state universal truths (for example, laws of nature) or things we believe are, or are not, true. It is also used to make generalisations about something or somebody. Universal truths are what is agreed to be true and do not change from person to person.

Activity 1

State a universal truth for each picture. Underline the present simple tense.

Picture	Universal truth
	The Boeing factory <u>is</u> the biggest factory in the world. It <u>is</u> larger than Disney Land.
	
	
	
	





Activity 2

State if each sentence is a universal truth. Explain your answers.

- ① The taste of a lemon is bitter. _____

- ② Grapes are a deep red-purple colour and they make wine. _____

- ③ Ambulances carry sick people to hospitals. _____

- ④ Sharks attack humans. _____

- ⑤ Chameleons change colours depending on their environment. _____

- ⑥ Taxis are yellow and black. _____

- ⑦ Tortoises are land mammals. _____

- ⑧ At school we learn about various subjects. _____

- ⑨ Earth orbits the Sun. _____

- ⑩ Johannesburg is the capital of South Africa. _____

Teacher Tip

After learners have completed Activity 1, create a class debate on their universal truths to prove that they are not just factual.

