Riverside Community College
Directed Learning Activity ESL 542A

Topic: Simple Present Tense

Go to “ESL Applications” on the Writing & Reading Center’s computer. Click on the

Understanding and Using English Grammar icon. Log in. If this is the

first time you have used UUEG, please log in as a new student.

1. Go to “Chapter 2.” Listen to or read the introduction and review the rules in
Chart 2-1.

2. Complete Exercise 1 and check your answers. Be sure to use your dictionary
to look up the meaning of any words you don’t know. Print the exercise.

3. Write a job description in a brief paragraph (at least 5 sentences).
Describe what the person does, how many hours he or she works and where
he or she works or lives.

EXAMPLE:

A babysitter takes care of children when the children’s parents are not at home.
Good babysitters understand how to take care of kids and what to do in an emergency. A
babysitter usually gets a call from parents and then goes over to their house to watch the
kids. Sometimes a babysitter cooks for the kids and makes sure they do their homework
while the parents are away. When the parents get home, they pay the babysitter, but a
babysitter only earns about $8.00 for every hour with the kids.

4. Underline the subject of each sentence one time and the verbs two times. In the
example above, the verbs are marked as bold words. Remember that you may
have more than one subject or verb in each sentence. Make sure your subjects and
verbs agree. Correct your paragraph.

5. Review your paragraph with an instructor in the Writing Center. and ask about
anything you don’t understand.

Instructor/Tutor Signature

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