The simple present tense is used to talk about general truths. It is also used to talk about time-tabled future events. Unlike other tense forms, the simple present tense has a special –s marking when the subject is a singular noun or a third person pronoun.

Fill in the blanks with appropriate simple present tense form of the verb given in the brackets.

1. The plane ..................... at 6.30. (arrive)
2. I will phone you when he ..................... back. (come)
3. Unless we ......................... now we can’t be there on time. (start)
4. The sun ......................... in the east. (rise)
5. The next term ..................... on Monday. (begin)
6. She ......................... an engineer. (be)
7. They ......................... our relatives. (be)
8. When does the train .....................? (depart)
9. Let’s wait till he ..................... his work. (finish)
10. Please ring me up as soon as he ..................... (arrive)

Answers

1. The plane arrives at 6.30.
2. I will phone you when he comes back.
3. Unless we start now we can't be there on time.

4. The sun rises in the east.

5. The next term begins on Monday.

6. She is an engineer.

7. They are our relatives.

8. When does the train depart?

9. Let's wait till he finishes his work.

10. Please ring me up as soon as he arrives.