

The Simpsons - American Life in Cartoons

The Simpsons is an American **sitcom** that shows middle class lifestyle in **cartoon** form. The half-hour **episodes** take place in and around the **fictional** town of Springfield and make fun out of American culture and **society**.

Since the show started in 1989 the Simpsons have been **broadcast** over 500 times. This makes it the longest running sitcom in American television history. In 2007 a **full-length** movie, *The Simpsons Movie*, made over half a **billion** dollars.

The Simpsons has won many prizes, concluding the **Emmy Awards**. In the year 2000 Time magazine named it the best television series of the **century** and the cartoon characters of *The Simpsons* **received** their own star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame.

The Simpson family **consists** of 5 **main** characters. Homer is the rather **clumsy** beer-drinking father. He works at a nuclear power plant in Springfield and is married to Marge Simpson, a typical American middle class housewife. The couple has three children. Bart is a ten-year old who **constantly** gets into trouble. Lisa is a highly intelligent eight-year old who has become a vegetarian and a Buddhist. Maggie, the family's baby, is often shown with a **pacifier**. The Simpsons have two pets, a dog named *Santa's Little Helper* and *Snowball*, a cat.

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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