

I don't ... (present simple negative)

A The present simple negative is **don't/doesn't + verb**:



She **doesn't** drink coffee.



He **doesn't** like his job.

positive		negative		
I	work	I	do not	work like do have
we	like	we	(don't)	
you	do	you		
they	have	they		
he	works	he	does not	do have
she	likes	she	(doesn't)	
it	does	it		
	has			

- I **drink** coffee but I **don't drink** tea.
- Sue **drinks tea** but she **doesn't drink** coffee.
- You **don't work** very hard.
- We **don't watch** television very often.
- The weather is usually nice. It **doesn't rain** very often.
- Gerry and Linda **don't know** many people.

B Remember:
I/we/you/they **don't** ... • I **don't** like football.
he/she/it **doesn't** ... • He **doesn't** like football.

- I **don't** like Fred and Fred **doesn't** like me. (not 'Fred don't like')
- My **car doesn't** use much petrol. (not 'My car don't use')
- Sometimes he is late but **it doesn't** happen very often.

C We use **don't/doesn't + infinitive** (don't like / doesn't speak / doesn't do etc.):

- I **don't like** washing the car. I **don't do** it very often.
- Sandra **speaks** Spanish but she **doesn't speak** Italian. (not 'doesn't speaks')
- Bill **doesn't do** his job very well. (not 'Bill doesn't his job')
- Paula **doesn't** usually **have** breakfast. (not 'doesn't ... has')

EXERCISES

6.1 Write the negative.

- I play the piano very well. I don't play the piano very well.
- Jane plays the piano very well. Jane
- They know my phone number.
- We work very hard.
- He has a bath every day.
- You do the same thing every day.

6.2 Study the information and write sentences with like.

1 classical music?	yes	no	?
2 boxing?	no	yes	?
3 horror films?	yes	no	?

- Bill and Rose like classical music.
Carol classical music.
I
- Bill and Rose
Carol
I
-

6.3 Write about yourself. Use: I never ... or I often ... or I don't ... very often.

- (watch TV) I don't watch TV very often. (OR I never... OR I often ...)
- (go to the theatre)
- (ride a bicycle)
- (eat in restaurants)
- (travel by train)

6.4 Complete the sentences. All of them are negative. Use **don't/doesn't** + one of these verbs:

- cost go know read see use wear

- I buy a newspaper every day but sometimes I **don't read** it.
- Paul has a car but he it very often.
- They like films but they to the cinema very often.
- Amanda is married but she a ring.
- I much about politics. I'm not interested in it.
- It's not an expensive hotel. It much to stay there.
- Brian lives near us but we him very often.

6.5 Put the verb into the correct form, positive or negative.

- Margaret **speaks** four languages – English, French, German and Spanish. (speak)
- I **don't like** my job. It's very boring. (like)
- 'Where's Martin?' 'I'm sorry. I?' (know)
- Sue is a very quiet person. She very much. (talk)
- Jim a lot of tea. It's his favourite drink. (drink)
- It's not true! I it! (believe)
- That's a very beautiful picture. I it very much. (like)
- Mark is a vegetarian. He meat. (eat)