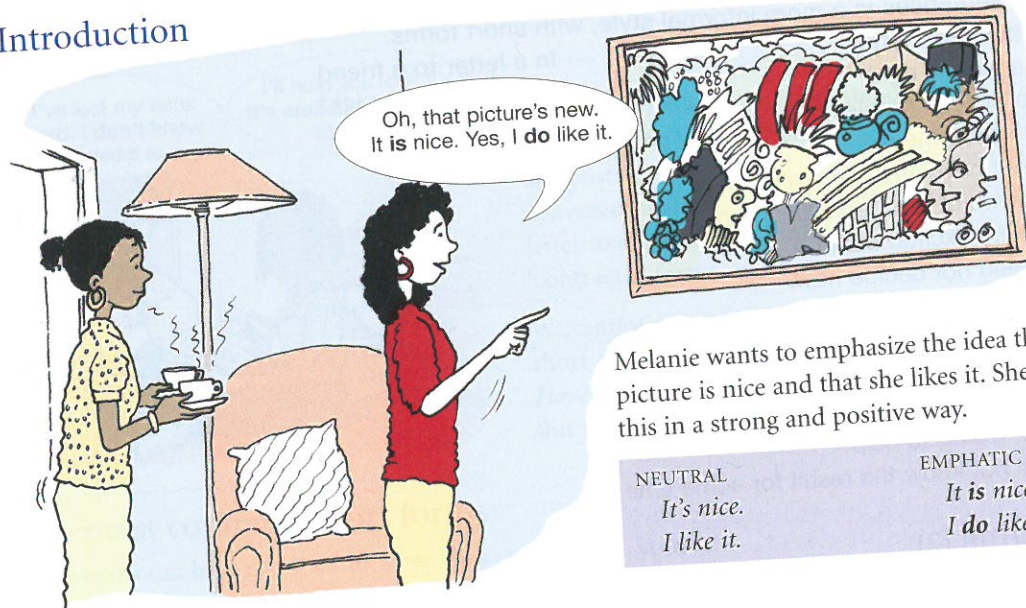


33 Emphatic do

1 Introduction



Melanie wants to emphasize the idea that the picture is nice and that she likes it. She wants to say this in a strong and positive way.

NEUTRAL	EMPHATIC
It's nice.	It is nice.
I like it.	I do like it.

2 Emphatic forms

Often we can be emphatic by using a full form like **is** or **have**, rather than a short form such as **'s** or **'ve** (see Unit 32). We stress the word when we speak it.
 Yes, **it is** late. It's half past one in the morning. My goodness you **have** done a lot of work. Well done.
 We can also stress modal verbs such as **will** and **should**.
 You **will** write to me, won't you? You really **should** drive more carefully. We almost had an accident.

In the Present Simple we put **do** before the verb.
 You're so right. I **do** agree with you. Your hair is much too long. You **do** need a haircut.
 We **do** hope you can come to our barbecue. I'm getting fed up with those dogs. They **do** make such a noise.

In the third person singular we use **does**.
 The city centre **does** get crowded, doesn't it?
 Emma says Matthew **doesn't** care about her, but he says he **does** care.

We do not add **-s** to the verb.
 It **does** look nice. NOT ~~It does looks nice.~~

In the past simple we use **did**.
 We **did** enjoy the concert. It was really good. You shouldn't have forgotten. I **did** remind you.
 Vicky is quite sure that she **did** see a ghost.

We do not add **-ed** to the verb.
 We **did** enjoy it. NOT ~~We did enjoyed it.~~

3 The imperative with do

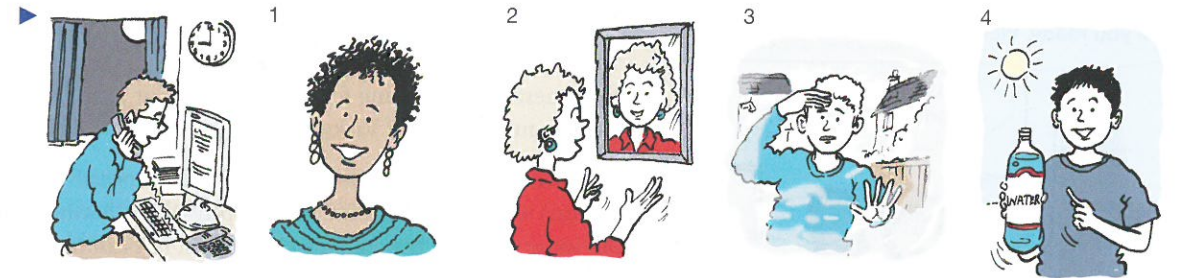
We can use **do** with an imperative for emphasis.
Do hurry up, or we'll be late. Oh, **do** be quiet. I'm trying to concentrate.
 Here **do** makes the speaker sound more worried or annoyed. We use this structure only in an informal situation.

But we can also use **do** with an imperative in offers and invitations (see page 122).
Do have some more soup. **Do** take a seat, won't you?
 Here **do** sounds very polite.

Practice

A Emphatic do (1-2)

Put in the emphatic forms of these sentences: *I like my new portrait. I'm smiling. It's foggy today. Yes, I'll be late home. Yes, I remembered the water.*



▶ Yes, I will be late home.

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B Emphatic do (1-2)

Complete the answers. Use a pronoun + emphatic **do** + a verb.

- ▶ Tom: Melanie is always helping people, isn't she?
 David: Yes, she does help a lot of people.
 1 Trevor: How much did that dress cost?
 Laura: Well, rather a lot.
 2 Jessica: Someone once told me I look like the singer Arlene Black.
 Natasha: Well, a bit like her, actually.
 3 Daniel: This train doesn't stop at our station.
 Matthew: Are you sure? I think there.
 4 Nick: Why didn't you go to the match on Saturday?
 Tom: What do you mean? to the match.
 5 Vicky: Matthew and Emma never quarrel.
 Rachel: Oh yes, All the time, in fact.

C Emphatic do (1-3)

What would you say? Use **do**, **does** or **did**.

- ▶ Tell your friend that you worry about your job prospects.
 You know, I do worry about my job prospects.
 1 Say that you finished the crossword today.
 Actually,
 2 Admit that your room needs tidying up.
 I'm afraid
 3 Explain to your teacher that you find the work difficult.
 I'm afraid
 4 Say that you wanted to give the course up.
 Actually,
 5 Offer your friend a chocolate.
 Here you are,
 6 Admit that this place depresses you.
 You know,