

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

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|------|--------------|------|-------------------|-------------|
| I | work | I | don't | work |
| we | like | we | (do not) | like |
| you | do | you | | |
| they | have | they | | |
| he | works | he | doesn't | work |
| she | likes | she | (does not) | like |
| 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** TV very often.
- The weather is usually nice. It **doesn't rain** very often.
- Sam and Chris **don't know** many people.

B

Remember:

I/we/you/they **don't ...**
he/she/it **doesn't ...**

I **don't like** football.
 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.
- Sarah **speaks** Spanish, but she **doesn't speak** Italian. (not doesn't speaks)
- David **doesn't do** his job very well. (not David doesn't his job)
- Paula **doesn't** usually **have** breakfast. (not doesn't ... has)

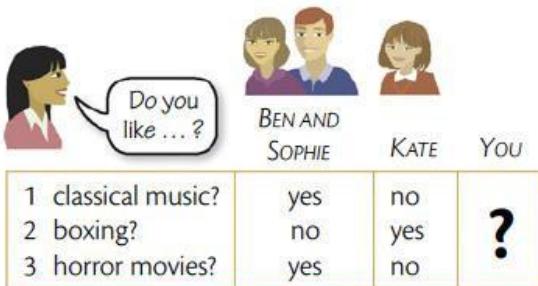
6.1 Write the negative.

- I play the piano very well.
- Anna plays the piano very well.
- They know my phone number.
- We work very hard.
- He has a bath every day.
- You do the same thing every day.

I don't play the piano very well.

Anna

They

6.2 Study the information and write sentences with **like**.

1 Ben and Sophie like classical music.

Kate I classical music.

2 Ben and Sophie

Kate I classical music.

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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 watch TV. or I often watch TV.
- (go to the theatre)
- (ride a bike)
- (eat in restaurants)
- (travel by train)

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

cost go know rain see use wear

- The weather here is usually nice. It **doesn't rain** much.
- Paul has a car, but he it very often.
- Paul and his friends 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.
- The Regent Hotel isn't expensive. It much to stay there.
- Ed lives very 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 Steve?' 'I'm sorry. I' (know)
- Sue is a very quiet person. She very much. (talk)
- Andy 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)