

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
we	like	we	(don't)	like
you	do	you		do
they	have	they		have
he	works	he	does not	
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 ...**
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.
- 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.
- Jane 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.

Jane

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6.2 Study the information and write sentences with like.



1 classical music?	yes	Bill and Rose	Carol	YOU
		no	yes	?
2 boxing?	yes			?
		no		?
3 horror films?	yes			?
		no		?

1 Bill and Rose like classical music.

Carol
I classical music.

2 Bill and Rose

Carol
I

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

- (watch TV)
- (go to the theatre)
- (ride a bicycle)
- (eat in restaurants)
- (travel by train)

I don't watch TV very often. (OR I never... OR I often ...)

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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)