UNIT 6

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

I we you they	**work** **like** **do** **have**
he she it	works likes do**es** ha**s**

negative

I we you they	**do not** **(don't)**	work like do have
he she it	**does not** **(doesn't)**	

- 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')

I do/work/like etc. (present simple) ⇒ UNIT 5 **Do you** ... ? (present simple questions) ⇒ UNIT 7

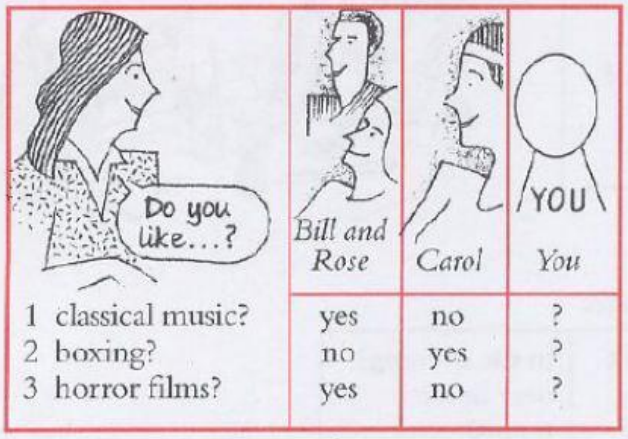
LIVEWORKSHEETS

EXERCISES

6.1 Write the negative.

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

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



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

2 Bill and Rose .....
Carol .....
I .....

3 .....
.....
.....

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

1 (watch TV) I don't watch TV very often. (OR I never... OR I often ...)
2 (go to the theatre) .....
3 (ride a bicycle) .....
4 (eat in restaurants) .....
5 (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

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

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

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

LIVEWORKSHEETS