

GRAMMAR CHECK

Present Simple: negative

We make most Present Simple verbs negative with **doesn't (does not)** or **don't (do not)** + **infinitive without to**.

Hans Bjelke and Mr Fridrikssen **don't live** in Hamburg.

Hans **doesn't read** a lot.

With the verbs **be**, **have got**, and **can**, we add **n't (not)** to the verb.

Hans **isn't** old. He **hasn't got** white hair. He **can't speak** Italian.

8 Write these sentences with the verbs in the negative.

a Hans smiles a lot. *Hans doesn't smile a lot.*

b His eyes are dark.

c He talks a lot.

d He's got thin arms and legs.

e He can read old Icelandic.

f He's a science teacher.

g He and Mr Fridrikssen are Danish.

h Hans is worried by the journey.

i Hans has got a compass.

j He's a bad guide.

k He fights the sea monsters.

l He and Axel kill a mastodon.

m Hans and the professor talk to an underground man.

n Hans finds Arne Saknussemm's knife.

o Hans writes a book about his journey.

p He's a hero for scientists across the world.

q He marries Gräuben in the end.

