

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 Fridriksson **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 Fridriksson 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.

