

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	work
we	like
you	do
they	have
he	works
she	likes
it	does
	has

negative

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

- ☐ 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.

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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.

- 1 I play the piano very well. I don't play the piano very well.
- 2 Anna plays the piano very well. Anna
- 3 They know my phone number. They
- 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**.


	BEN AND SOPHIE	KATE	YOU
1 classical music?	yes	no	?
2 boxing?	no	yes	?
3 horror movies?	yes	no	?

- 1 Ben and Sophie like classical music.
Kate
I classical music.
- 2 Ben and Sophie
Kate
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 watch TV. or I often watch TV.
- 2 (go to the theatre)
- 3 (ride a bike)
- 4 (eat in restaurants)
- 5 (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

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