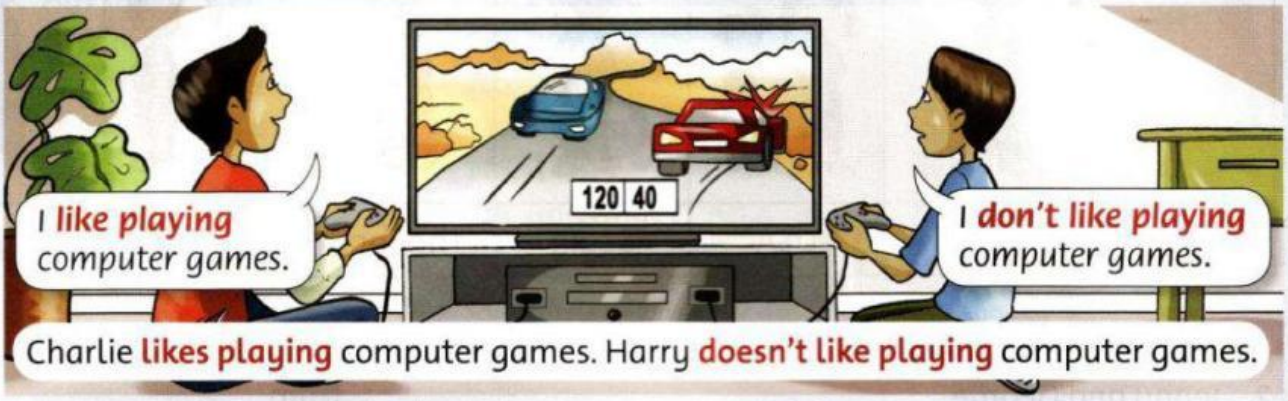
The present simple: **like + -ing**



Affirmative	Negative	Short forms
I **like playing**	I **do not like playing**	I **don't like playing**
you **like playing**	you **do not like playing**	you **don't like playing**
he **likes playing**	he **does not like playing**	he **doesn't like playing**
she **likes playing**	she **does not like playing**	she **doesn't like playing**
it **likes playing**	it **does not like playing**	it **doesn't like playing**
we **like playing**	we **do not like playing**	we **don't like playing**
you **like playing**	you **do not like playing**	we **don't like playing**
they **like playing**	they **do not like playing**	they **don't like playing**

We use the present simple of **like + -ing** to talk about things that we enjoy doing or don't enjoy doing. *I **like reading**.* *She **doesn't like playing** the piano.*

1 Write sentences using like + -ing.

1 Mr Jones / like / read / newspapers
Mr Jones likes reading newspapers.

2 my aunt / like / go / to the cinema
_____

3 our cousins / like / play / chess
_____

4 I / like / fish
_____

5 my brother and I / like / climb / trees
_____

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2 Look at the pictures and sentences. Write the correct sentences.

I don't like playing tennis.

I like playing tennis.

She likes playing tennis.

She doesn't like playing tennis.

We like horse riding.

They don't like skateboarding.

I like playing the piano.

They like drawing.

They don't like playing volleyball.

She likes reading.

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3 Look at the table and complete the sentences.

	playing the piano	horse riding	drawing	swimming	reading
Jane	✓		✗		✓
Jim	✗		✓		
Simon		✓			✗
Anna				✗	✓
Oscar		✓		✗	

1 Jane likes playing the piano.
2 Jane doesn't like drawing.
3 Jane and Anna _____ reading.
4 Jim _____ playing the piano.
5 Jim _____ drawing.
6 Simon and Oscar _____ horse riding.
7 Simon _____ reading.
8 Anna and Oscar _____ swimming.
9 Anna _____ reading.
10 Oscar _____ horse riding.

Like + -ing questions and short answers

Questions	Short answers	
Do I **like playing?**	Yes, I **do**.	No, I **don't**.
Do you **like playing?**	Yes, you **do**.	No, you **don't**.
Does he **like playing?**	Yes, he **does**.	No, he **doesn't**.
Does she **like playing?**	Yes, she **does**.	No, she **doesn't**.
Does it **like playing?**	Yes, it **does**.	No, it **doesn't**.
Do we **like playing?**	Yes, we **do**.	No, we **don't**.
Do you **like playing?**	Yes, you **do**.	No, you **don't**.
Do they **like playing?**	Yes, they **do**.	No, they **don't**.

Note that we don't repeat the **-ing** verb in short answers.

*Jamie, do you like reading? No, I **don't**.* *Does Polly like cooking? Yes, she **does**.*

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4 Complete the questions with Do or Does.

1 Does Paul like horseriding?
2 _____ you like playing computer games?
3 _____ Jack like playing the piano?
4 _____ Paul like playing volleyball?
5 _____ Amy and Sally like reading?
6 _____ we like swimming?

5 Match 1–5 with a–e.

1 Does Julia like reading? e
2 Do we like skateboarding? _____
3 Does John like playing computer games? _____
4 Do Paul and Jim like playing volleyball? _____
5 Do you like reading? _____

a No, we don't.
b Yes, he does.
c Yes, they do.
d Yes, I do.
e ~~No, she doesn't.~~

6 Look at the chart. Write questions and short answers.

	Hobby	Like?
1 your friends	reading	✓
2 Mary	playing the guitar	✗
3 you	drawing	✓
4 John	fishing	✓
5 Mum and Dad	skateboarding	✗
6 you and Charlie	surfing	✗

1 Do your friends like reading? Yes, they do.
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____
6 _____

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