

I don't ... (simple present negative)

The simple present negative is **don't/doesn't** + verb:



Affirmative

Negative

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

- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Matt and Nicole **don't** know many people.

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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 Josh, and Josh **doesn't** like me. (*not* Josh don't like)
- ☐ My car **doesn't** use much gas. (*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** + base form (don't like / doesn't speak / doesn't do, etc.):

- ☐ I **don't** like to wash the car. I **don't** do it very often.
- ☐ Sarah **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)
- ☐ Mária **doesn't** usually have breakfast. (*not* doesn't ... has)

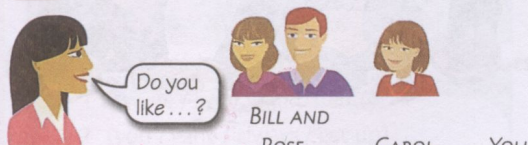
Exercises

Unit
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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 Mike has a car.
- 6 You do the same thing every day.

6.2 Study the information and write sentences with like.



1 classical music?	yes	no	?
2 boxing?	no	yes	
3 horror movies?	yes	no	

- 1 Bill and Rose like classical music.
Carol
I classical music.
- 2 Bill and Rose
Carol
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- 3
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6.3 Write about yourself. Use:

I never ... or I ... a lot or I don't ... very often.

- 1 (watch TV) I don't watch TV very often. or I never watch TV. or I watch TV a lot.
- 2 (go to the theater)
- 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 a lot.
- 2 Andy has a car, but he it very often.
- 3 Dan and his friends like movies, but they to the movies 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 David lives near us, but we him very often.

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

- 1 Lauren speaks four languages – English, Korean, Arabic, and Spanish. (speak)
- 2 I don't like my job. It's very boring. (like)
- 3 "Where's David?" "I'm sorry. I" (know)
- 4 Sue is a very quiet person. She very much. (talk)
- 5 Andy a lot of coffee. It's his favorite drink. (drink)
- 6 That's not true! I it! (believe)
- 7 That's a very beautiful picture. I it a lot. (like)
- 8 John is a vegetarian. He meat. (eat)