

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

**A**

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



Positive		Negative	
I	<b>work</b>	I	<b>work</b>
we	<b>like</b>	we	
you	<b>do</b>	you	
you	<b>do</b>	you	<b>like</b>
they	<b>have</b>	they	
they	<b>have</b>	they	
he	<b>works</b>	he	<b>do</b>
she	<b>likes</b>	she	
she	<b>does</b>	she	
it	<b>does</b>	it	
it	<b>has</b>	it	<b>have</b>

- 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** television very often.
- The weather is usually nice. It **doesn't rain** very often.
- Gary and Nicole **don't know** many people.

**B**

Remember:

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|---------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| I/we/you/they | <b>don't</b> . . .   | ■ I <b>don't</b> like football.    |
| he/she/it     | <b>doesn't</b> . . . | ■ He <b>doesn't</b> like football. |

- I **don't** like Fred, and Fred **doesn't** like me. (*not* Fred 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.

**C**

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)
- Paula **doesn't** usually **have** breakfast. (*not* doesn't . . . has)

## 6.1 Write the negative.

- I play the piano very well. I don't play the piano very well.
- Jane plays the piano very well. Jane \_\_\_\_\_
- They know my phone number. They \_\_\_\_\_
- We work very hard. \_\_\_\_\_
- Mike has a car. \_\_\_\_\_
- You do the same thing every day. \_\_\_\_\_

## 6.2 Study the information and write sentences with like.

Do you like ... ?



	Bill and Rose	Carol	You
1. classical music?	yes	no	
2. boxing?	no	yes	?
3. horror movies?	yes	no	

- Bill and Rose like classical music.  
Carol \_\_\_\_\_  
I \_\_\_\_\_ classical music.
- Bill and Rose \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol \_\_\_\_\_  
I \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## 6.3 Write about yourself. Use:

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

- (watch TV) I never watch TV. OR I watch TV a lot. OR I don't watch TV very often.
- (go to the theater) \_\_\_\_\_
- (ride a bicycle) \_\_\_\_\_
- (eat in restaurants) \_\_\_\_\_
- (travel by train) \_\_\_\_\_

## 6.4 Complete the sentences. All of them are negative. Use **don't/doesn't** + these verbs:

cost go know ~~read~~ see use wear

- I buy a newspaper every day, but sometimes I don't read it.
- Paul has a car, but he \_\_\_\_\_ it very often.
- Paul and his friends like movies, but they \_\_\_\_\_ to the movie theater very often.
- Amanda is married, but she \_\_\_\_\_ a ring.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ much about politics. I'm not interested in it.
- The Regent Hotel isn't expensive. It \_\_\_\_\_ much to stay there.
- Brian lives near us, but we \_\_\_\_\_ him very often.

## 6.5 Put the verb into the correct form, positive or negative.

- Margaret speaks four languages – English, Japanese, Arabic, and Spanish. (speak)
- I don't like my job. It's very boring. (like)
- "Where's Martin?" "I'm sorry. I \_\_\_\_\_ ." (know)
- Sue is a very quiet person. She \_\_\_\_\_ very much. (talk)
- Andy \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of coffee. It's his favorite drink. (drink)
- It's not true! I \_\_\_\_\_ it! (believe)
- That's a very beautiful picture. I \_\_\_\_\_ it a lot. (like)
- Mark is a vegetarian. He \_\_\_\_\_ meat. (eat)