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My name **is** Anna. I'm 22.

I'm American. I'm from Chicago.

I'm a student.

My father **is** a doctor, and my mother **is** a journalist.

My favorite color **is** blue.

My favorite sports **are** tennis and swimming.

I'm interested in art.

I'm **not** interested in politics.

ANNA

B

| Affirmative |            |           | Negative |                |                              |
|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------------|------------------------------|
| I           | <b>am</b>  | (I'm)     | I        | <b>am not</b>  | (I'm not)                    |
| he          | <b>is</b>  | (he's)    | he       | <b>is not</b>  | (he's not or he isn't)       |
| she         |            | (she's)   | she      |                | (she's not or she isn't)     |
| it          |            | (it's)    | it       |                | (it's not or it isn't)       |
| we          | <b>are</b> | (we're)   | we       | <b>are not</b> | (we're not or we aren't)     |
| you         |            | (you're)  | you      |                | (you're not or you aren't)   |
| they        |            | (they're) | they     |                | (they're not or they aren't) |

} short form
} short forms

- I'm tired, but I'm not hungry.
- I'm 32 years old. My sister is 29.
- Alex is scared of dogs.
- Jane is Australian. She isn't American.
- These flowers are nice, and they aren't expensive.
- It's 10:00. You're late again.
- I'm cold. Can I close the window?
- James isn't a teacher. He's a student.
- Anna and I are good friends.
- Paris is a beautiful city.
- Our house is near downtown.
- Tom isn't here. He's at work.
- Your keys are on the table.

We say **it's** hot/warm/cold/sunny/dark, etc.

- It's sunny today, but it isn't warm.



C

that's = that is    there's = there is    here's = here is

- Thank you. That's very nice of you.
- Look! There's Chris.
- "Here's your key." "Thank you."



**1.1** Write the short form (**she's / we aren't**, etc.).

- 1 she is she's                      3 it is not .....                      5 I am not .....
- 2 they are .....                      4 that is .....                      6 you are not .....

**1.2** Write **am, is, or are**.

- 1 The weather is nice today.                      5 Look! There ..... Rachel.
- 2 I ..... not rich.                      6 My brother and I ..... good tennis players.
- 3 This bag ..... very heavy.                      7 Amy ..... at home. Her children ..... at school.
- 4 These bags ..... very heavy.                      8 I ..... a taxi driver. My sister ..... a nurse.

**1.3** Complete the sentences.

- 1 Matt is sick. He's in bed.
- 2 I'm not hungry, but ..... thirsty.
- 3 Mr. Thomas is a very old man. .... 98.
- 4 These chairs aren't beautiful, but ..... comfortable.
- 5 The weather is nice today. .... warm and sunny.
- 6 "..... late." "No, I'm not. I'm early!"
- 7 Catherine isn't at home. .... at work.
- 8 "..... your coat." "Oh, thank you very much."

**1.4** Look at Anna's sentences in 1A. Now write sentences about yourself.

- 1 (name?) My .....
- 2 (age?) I .....
- 3 (from?) I .....
- 4 (job?) I .....
- 5 (favorite color or colors?) My .....
- 6 (interested in ...?) I .....

**1.5** Write sentences for the pictures. Use:

**angry    cold    hot    hungry    scared    ~~thirsty~~**



- 1 She's thirsty.                      3 He .....                      5 .....
- 2 They .....                      4 .....                      6 .....

**1.6** Write true sentences, affirmative or negative. Use **is/isn't** or **are/aren't**.

- 1 (it / hot today) It isn't hot today. or It's hot today.
- 2 (it / windy today) It .....
- 3 (my hands / cold) My .....
- 4 (Brazil / a very big country) .....
- 5 (diamonds / cheap) .....
- 6 (Quebec / in the United States) .....

Write true sentences, affirmative or negative. Use **I'm / I'm not**.

- 7 (tired) I'm tired. or I'm not tired.
- 8 (hungry) I .....
- 9 (in bed) .....
- 10 (interested in politics) .....

## Affirmative

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| I                 | <b>am</b>  |
| he<br>she<br>it   | <b>is</b>  |
| we<br>you<br>they | <b>are</b> |

## Question

|            |                      |
|------------|----------------------|
| <b>am</b>  | I?                   |
| <b>is</b>  | he?<br>she?<br>it?   |
| <b>are</b> | we?<br>you?<br>they? |



What's your name?

David.

Are you married?

No, I'm not.

How old are you?

25.

Are you a student?

Yes, I am.



- "Am I late?" "No, **you're** on time."
- "Is your mother home?" "No, **she's** out."
- "Are your parents home?" "No, **they're** out."
- "Is it cold in your room?" "Yes, a little bit."
- Your shoes are** nice. **Are they** new?

We say:

- Is she** home? / **Is your mother** home? (not Is home your mother?)
- Are they** new? / **Are your shoes** new? (not Are new your shoes?)

## B

Where ... ? / What ... ? / Who ... ? / How ... ? / Why ... ?

- Where is** your mother? Is she home?
- "**Where are** you from?" "Canada."
- "**What color is** your car?" "It's red."
- "**How old is** Joe?" "He's 24."
- "**How are** your parents?" "They're fine."
- These shoes are nice. **How much are** they?
- This hotel isn't very good. **Why is** it so expensive?

what's = what **is**    who's = who **is**    how's = how **is**    where's = where **is**

- What's** your phone number?       **Who's** that man?
- Where's** Emily?                       **How's** your father?

## C

Short answers

|      |                   |             |
|------|-------------------|-------------|
| Yes, | I                 | <b>am.</b>  |
|      | he<br>she<br>it   | <b>is.</b>  |
|      | we<br>you<br>they | <b>are.</b> |

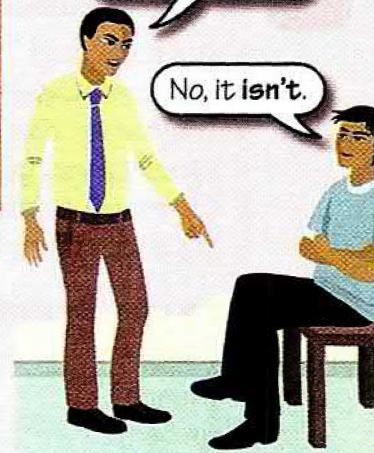
|     |                            |             |
|-----|----------------------------|-------------|
| No, | I'm                        | <b>not.</b> |
|     | he's<br>she's<br>it's      |             |
|     | we're<br>you're<br>they're |             |

or

|     |                   |                |
|-----|-------------------|----------------|
| No, | he<br>she<br>it   | <b>isn't.</b>  |
|     | we<br>you<br>they | <b>aren't.</b> |

That's my seat.

No, it **isn't**.



- "Are you tired?" "Yes, I **am**."
- "Are you hungry?" "No, I'm **not**, but I'm thirsty."
- "Is your friend Japanese?" "Yes, **he is**."
- "Are these your keys?" "Yes, **they are**."
- "That's my seat." "No, it **isn't**."

2.1 Find the right answers for the questions.

|                           |                       |            |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 1 Where's the camera?     | A Toronto.            | 1 <u>G</u> |
| 2 Is your car blue?       | B No, I'm not.        | 2 .....    |
| 3 Is Nicole from London?  | C Yes, you are.       | 3 .....    |
| 4 Am I late?              | D My sister.          | 4 .....    |
| 5 Where's Megan from?     | E Black.              | 5 .....    |
| 6 What color is your bag? | F No, it's black.     | 6 .....    |
| 7 Are you hungry?         | G In your bag.        | 7 .....    |
| 8 How is Christopher?     | H No, she's American. | 8 .....    |
| 9 Who's that woman?       | I Fine.               | 9 .....    |



2.2 Make questions with these words.

- 1 (is / home / your mother) Is your mother home .....
- 2 (your parents / are / how) How are your parents .....
- 3 (interesting / is / your job) .....
- 4 (the stores / are / open today) .....
- 5 (from / where / you / are) .....
- 6 (interested in sports / you / are) .....
- 7 (is / near here / the train station) .....
- 8 (at school / are / your children) .....
- 9 (you / are / late / why) .....

2.3 Complete the questions. Use **What ... / Who ... / Where ... / How ...**

|   |                               |   |
|---|-------------------------------|---|
| 1 | <u>How are</u> your children? | They're fine.<br>At the end of the block.<br>Five, six, and ten.<br>\$1.50 a pound.<br>Skiing.<br>That's my father.<br>Black. |
| 2 | ..... the bus stop?           |   |
| 3 | ..... your children?          |   |
| 4 | ..... these oranges?          |   |
| 5 | ..... your favorite sport?    |   |
| 6 | ..... the man in this photo?  |   |
| 7 | ..... your new shoes?         |   |

2.4 Write the questions.

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
|  | 1 (name ?) <u>What's your name?</u> ..... |  ERIC |
|   | 2 (Australian?) .....                     | Eric.  |
|   | 3 (how old?) .....                        | No, I'm Canadian.  |
|   | 4 (a teacher?) .....                      | I'm 30.  |
|   | 5 (married?) .....                        | No, I'm a lawyer.  |
|   | 6 (wife a lawyer?) .....                  | Yes, I am.   |
|   | 7 (from?) .....                           | No, she's a teacher.   |
|   | 8 (her name?) .....                       | She's from Mexico.   |
|   | 9 (how old?) .....                        | Ana.   |
|   |   | She's 27.  |

2.5 Write short answers (**Yes, I am.** / **No, he isn't.**, etc.).

- 1 Are you married? No, I'm not.
- 2 Are you thirsty? .....
- 3 Is it cold today? .....
- 4 Are your hands cold? .....
- 5 Is it dark now? .....
- 6 Are you a teacher? .....



She's eating.  
She **isn't** reading.



It's raining.  
The sun **isn't** shining.



They're running.  
They **aren't** walking.

The *present continuous* is:

**am/is/are + doing/eating/running/writing**, etc.

|                   |                  |             |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| I                 | <b>am</b> (not)  | <b>-ing</b> |
| he<br>she<br>it   | <b>is</b> (not)  |             |
| we<br>you<br>they | <b>are</b> (not) |             |

- I'm working. I'm not watching TV.
- Maria **is reading** a newspaper.
- She **isn't eating**. (or She's not eating.)
- The bus **is coming**.
- We're having dinner.
- You're not listening to me. (or You aren't listening...)
- The children **are doing** their homework.

**am/is/are + -ing** = something is happening *now*:

I'm working  
she's wearing a hat  
they're playing baseball  
I'm not watching TV

*past*

*now*

*future*

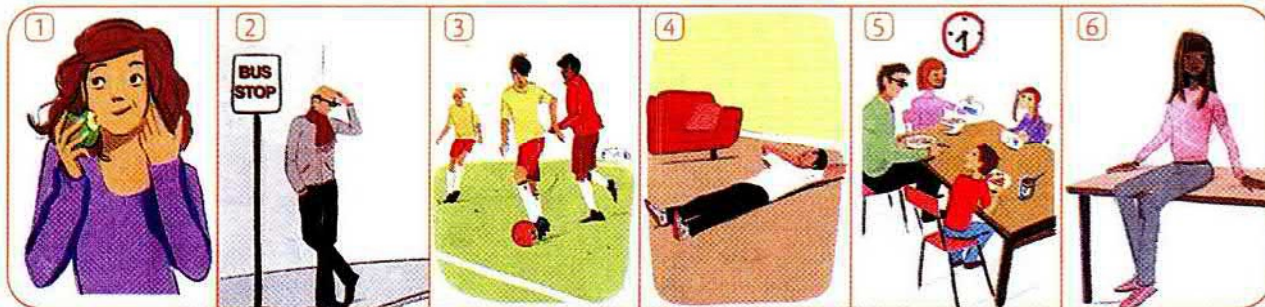
- Please be quiet. I'm working. (= I'm working now)
- Look, there's Sarah. She's wearing a brown coat. (= she is wearing it now)
- The weather is nice. It's not raining.
- "Where are the children?" "They're playing in the park."
- (on the phone) We're having dinner now. Can I call you later?
- You can turn off the TV. I'm not watching it.

For spelling, see Appendix 5.

come → coming    write → writing    dance → dancing  
run → running    sit → sitting    swim → swimming  
lie → lying

3.1 What are these people doing? Use these verbs to complete the sentences:

~~eat~~ have lie play sit wait



- 1 She's eating an apple.
- 2 He ..... for a bus.
- 3 They ..... soccer.
- 4 ..... on the floor.
- 5 ..... breakfast.
- 6 ..... on the table.

3.2 Complete the sentences. Use these verbs:

build cook leave stand stay swim take ~~work~~

- 1 Please be quiet. I 'm working.
- 2 "Where's John?" "He's in the kitchen. He ....."
- 3 "You ..... on my foot." "Oh, I'm sorry."
- 4 Look! Somebody ..... in the river.
- 5 We're here on vacation. We ..... at a hotel on the beach.
- 6 "Where's Sue?" "She ..... a shower."
- 7 They ..... a new hotel downtown.
- 8 I ..... now. Goodbye!

3.3 Look at the picture. Write sentences about Jane. Use **She's -ing** or **She isn't -ing**.



JANE

- 1 (have dinner) Jane isn't having dinner.
- 2 (watch TV) She's watching TV.
- 3 (sit on the floor) She .....
- 4 (read a book) .....
- 5 (play the piano) .....
- 6 (laugh) .....
- 7 (wear a hat) .....
- 8 (drink coffee) .....

3.4 What's happening now? Write true sentences.

- 1 (I / wash / my hair) I'm not washing my hair.
- 2 (it / snow) It's snowing. or It isn't snowing.
- 3 (I / sit / on a chair) .....
- 4 (I / eat) .....
- 5 (it / rain) .....
- 6 (I / study / English) .....
- 7 (I / listen / to music) .....
- 8 (the sun / shine) .....
- 9 (I / wear / shoes) .....
- 10 (I / read / a newspaper) .....



A

## Affirmative

|                   |            |   |
|-------------------|------------|---|
| I                 | <b>am</b>  | <b>doing</b><br><b>working</b><br><b>going</b><br><b>staying,</b><br>etc. |
| he<br>she<br>it   | <b>is</b>  |   |
| we<br>you<br>they | <b>are</b> |   |

## Question

|            |                   |  |
|------------|-------------------|--|
| <b>am</b>  | I                 | <b>doing?</b><br><b>working?</b><br><b>going?</b><br><b>staying?</b><br>etc. |
| <b>is</b>  | he<br>she<br>it   |  |
| <b>are</b> | we<br>you<br>they |  |

What are you doing?



- "Are you feeling OK?" "Yes, I'm fine, thanks."
- "Is it raining?" "Yes, take an umbrella."
- Why are you wearing a coat? It's not cold.
- "What's Eric doing?" "He's studying for his exams."
- "What are the children doing?" "They're watching TV."
- Look, there's Emily! Where's she going?
- Who are you waiting for? Are you waiting for Sue?

B

Study the word order:

**is/are** + *subject* + **-ing**

|       |            |              |  |
|-------|------------|--------------|--|
|       | <b>Is</b>  | he           | <b>working</b> today?                                      |
| Where | <b>Is</b>  | Ben          | <b>working</b> today? ( <i>not Is working Ben today?</i> ) |
| Where | <b>are</b> | they         | <b>going?</b>  |
| Where | <b>are</b> | those people | <b>going?</b> ( <i>not Where are going those people?</i> ) |

C

Short answers




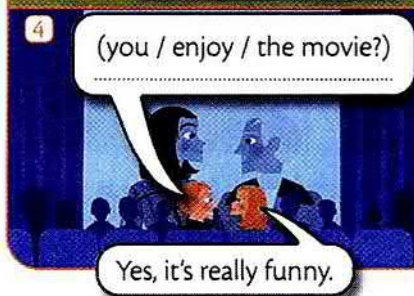


|      |                   |             |
|------|-------------------|-------------|
| Yes, | I                 | <b>am.</b>  |
|      | he<br>she<br>it   | <b>is.</b>  |
|      | we<br>you<br>they | <b>are.</b> |

|     |                            |             |
|-----|----------------------------|-------------|
| No, | I'm                        | <b>not.</b> |
|     | he's<br>she's<br>it's      |             |
|     | we're<br>you're<br>they're |             |

|     |                   |                |
|-----|-------------------|----------------|
| No, | he<br>she<br>it   | <b>isn't.</b>  |
|     | we<br>you<br>they | <b>aren't.</b> |






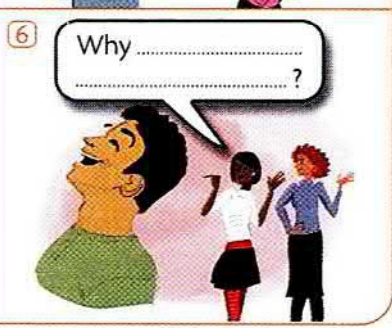
- "Are you leaving now?" "Yes, I am."
- "Is Ben working today?" "Yes, he is."
- "Is it raining?" "No, it isn't."
- "Are your friends staying at a hotel?" "No, they aren't. They're staying with me."

4.1 Look at the pictures and write the questions.

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <p>1 (you / watch / it?)<br/><b>Are you watching it?</b></p>  <p>No, you can turn it off.</p> | <p>2 (you / leave / now?).....</p>  <p>Yes, see you tomorrow.</p> | <p>3 (it / rain?).....</p>  <p>No, not right now.</p>      |
| <p>4 (you / enjoy / the movie?)</p>  <p>Yes, it's really funny.</p>                           | <p>5 (that clock / work?).....</p>  <p>No, it's broken.</p>       | <p>6 (you / wait / for a bus?)</p>  <p>No, for a taxi.</p> |

4.2 Look at the pictures and complete the questions. Use:

**cry eat go laugh look at -read**

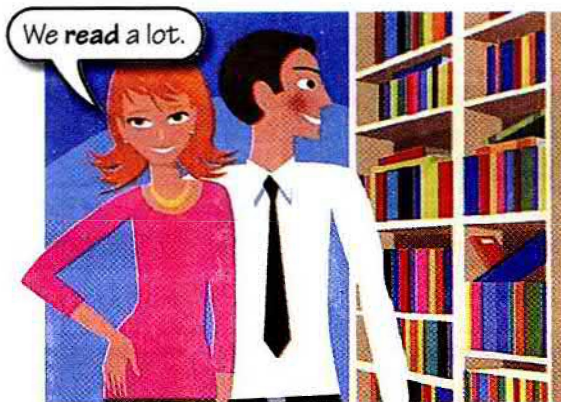
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|--|--|--|
| <p>1 What <u>are you</u> <u>reading</u> ?</p>  | <p>2 Where ..... she ..... ?</p>  | <p>3 What ..... ?</p>  |
| <p>4 Why ..... ?</p>                          | <p>5 What ..... ?</p>            | <p>6 Why ..... ?</p>  |

4.3 Make questions with these words. Put the words in the right order.

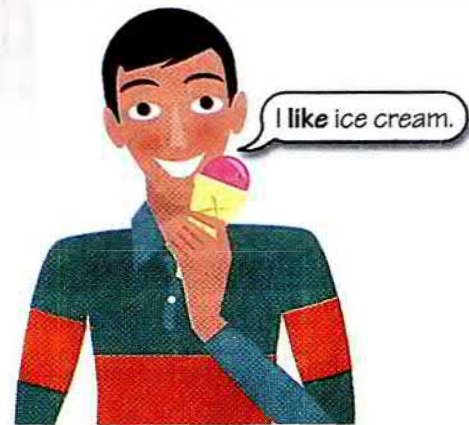
- (is / working / Ben / today) Is Ben working today .....
- (what / the children / are / doing) What are the children doing .....
- (you / are / listening / to me) .....
- (where / your friends / are / going) .....
- (are / watching / your parents / TV) .....
- (what / Jessica / is / cooking) .....
- (why / you / are / looking / at me) .....
- (is / coming / the bus) .....

4.4 Write short answers (Yes, I am. / No, he isn't., etc.).

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Are you watching TV? <u>No, I'm not.</u> | 4 Is it raining? .....                |
| 2 Are you wearing a watch? .....           | 5 Are you sitting on the floor? ..... |
| 3 Are you eating something? .....          | 6 Are you feeling all right? .....    |



They have a lot of books.  
They **read** a lot.



He's eating an ice cream cone.  
He **likes** ice cream.

They **read** / he **likes** / I **work**, etc. = the *simple present*:

|               |              |              |              |              |                |             |             |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| I/we/you/they | <b>read</b>  | <b>like</b>  | <b>work</b>  | <b>live</b>  | <b>watch</b>   | <b>do</b>   | <b>have</b> |
| he/she/it     | <b>reads</b> | <b>likes</b> | <b>works</b> | <b>lives</b> | <b>watches</b> | <b>does</b> | <b>has</b>  |

Remember:

**he works** / **she lives** / **it rains**, etc.

- I work** in an office. **My brother works** in a bank. (*not* My brother work)
- Emily lives** in Houston. **Her parents live** in Chicago.
- It rains** a lot in the winter.

**I have** → he/she/it **has**:

- John has** lunch at home every day.

For spelling, see Appendix 5.

|  |                 |                   |                 |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>-es</b> after <b>-s</b> / <b>-sh</b> / <b>-ch</b> : | pass → passes   | finish → finishes | watch → watches |
| <b>-y</b> → <b>-ies</b> :                              | study → studies | try → tries       |                 |
| <i>also</i> :  | do → does       | go → goes         |                 |

## B

We use the *simple present* for things that are true in general, or for things that happen sometimes or all the time:

- I **like** big cities.
- Your English is good. You **speak** very well.
- Tom **works** very hard. He **starts** at 7:30 and **finishes** at 8:00 at night.
- The earth **goes** around the sun.
- We **do** a lot of different things in our free time.
- It **costs** a lot of money to build a hospital.

## C

**always/never/often/usually/sometimes** + *simple present*

- Sue **always gets** to work early. (*not* Sue gets always)
- I **never eat** breakfast. (*not* I eat never)
- We **often sleep** late on weekends.
- Mark **usually plays** tennis on Sundays.
- I **sometimes walk** to work, but not very often.

**I don't ... (negative)** → **Unit 6**   **Do you ... ? (questions)** → **Unit 7**   **I am doing and I do** → **Unit 8**  
**always/usually/often, etc. (word order)** → **Unit 92**

5.1 Write these verbs with **-s** or **-es**.

- 1 (read) she reads.....
- 2 (think) he .....
- 3 (fly) it .....
- 4 (dance) he .....
- 5 (have) she .....
- 6 (finish) it .....

5.2 Complete the sentences about the people in the pictures. Use:

eat    go    live    ~~play~~    play    sleep



- 1 He plays..... the piano.
- 2 They..... in a very big house.
- 3..... a lot of fruit.
- 4..... tennis.
- 5..... to the movies a lot.
- 6..... seven hours a night.

5.3 Complete the sentences. Use:

boil    close    cost    cost    like    like    meet    open    ~~speaks~~    teach    wash

- 1 Maria speaks..... four languages.
- 2 Banks usually..... at 9:00 in the morning.
- 3 The art museum..... at 5:00 in the afternoon.
- 4 Jessica is a teacher. She..... math to young children.
- 5 My job is very interesting. I..... a lot of people.
- 6 Mike's car is always dirty. He never..... it.
- 7 Food is expensive. It..... a lot of money.
- 8 Shoes are expensive. They..... a lot of money.
- 9 Water..... at 100 degrees Celsius.
- 10 Julia and I are good friends. I..... her, and she..... me.

5.4 Write sentences from these words. Use the right form of the verb (**arrive** or **arrives**, etc.).

- 1 (always / early / Sue / arrive) Sue always arrives early......
- 2 (to the movies / never / I / go) I.....
- 3 (work / Hannah / hard / always).....
- 4 (like / chocolate / children / usually).....
- 5 (Julia / parties / enjoy / always).....
- 6 (often / people's names / I / forget).....
- 7 (TV / Nick / watch / never).....
- 8 (usually / dinner / we / have / at 6:30).....
- 9 (Jenn / always / nice clothes / wear).....

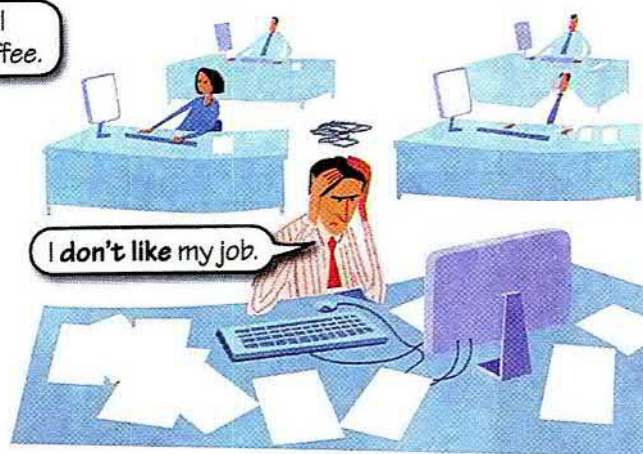
5.5 Write sentences about yourself. Use **always/never/often/usually/sometimes**.

- 1 (watch TV in the evening) I usually watch TV in the evening......
- 2 (read in bed) I.....
- 3 (get up before 7:00).....
- 4 (go to work/school by bus).....
- 5 (drink coffee in the morning).....

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



She **doesn't drink** coffee.



He **doesn't like** his job.

*Affirmative*

*Negative*

|      |              |      |                   |             |
|------|--------------|------|-------------------|-------------|
| I    | <b>work</b>  | I    | <b>don't</b>      | <b>work</b> |
| we   | <b>like</b>  | we   | <b>(do not)</b>   |             |
| you  | <b>do</b>    | you  |                   | <b>like</b> |
| they | <b>have</b>  | they |                   | <b>do</b>   |
| he   | <b>works</b> | he   | <b>doesn't</b>    | <b>have</b> |
| she  | <b>likes</b> | she  | <b>(does not)</b> |             |
| it   | <b>does</b>  | it   |                   |             |
|      | <b>has</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** TV very often.
- The weather is usually nice. It **doesn't rain** very often.
- Matt and Nicole **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 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.

## C

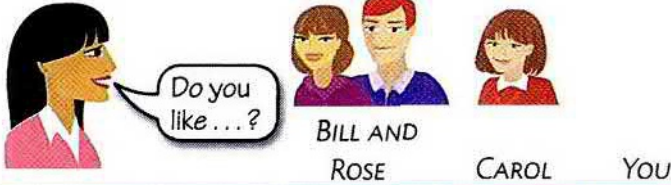
We use **don't/doesn't** + base form (*don't like / doesn't speak / doesn't do*, etc.):

- 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)
- Mária **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 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  | <b>?</b> |
| 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 .....
- I .....
- 3 .....

**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)

## A

We use **do/does** in simple present questions:

## Affirmative

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

## Question

|             |                        |  |
|-------------|------------------------|--|
| <b>do</b>   | I<br>we<br>you<br>they | <b>work?<br/>like?<br/>do?<br/>have?</b> |
| <b>does</b> | he<br>she<br>it        |  |



## B

Study the word order:

**do/does** + *subject* + *base form*

|           |             |              |              |                        |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|
|           | <b>Do</b>   | you          | <b>play</b>  | the guitar?            |
| Where     | <b>Do</b>   | your friends | <b>live</b>  | near here?             |
| How often | <b>Does</b> | Chris        | <b>work</b>  | on Sundays?            |
| What      | <b>Does</b> | it           | <b>rain</b>  | a lot here?            |
| How much  | <b>do</b>   | your parents | <b>live?</b> |                        |
|           | <b>do</b>   | you          | <b>wash</b>  | your hair?             |
|           | <b>does</b> | this word    | <b>mean?</b> |                        |
|           | <b>does</b> | it           | <b>cost</b>  | to fly to Puerto Rico? |

Questions with **always** and **usually**:

|      |             |       |                |             |              |
|------|-------------|-------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
|      | <b>Does</b> | Chris | <b>always</b>  | <b>work</b> | on Sundays?  |
| What | <b>do</b>   | you   | <b>usually</b> | <b>do</b>   | on weekends? |

**What do you do?** = What's your job?

- "What do you do?"** "I work in a bank."

## C

Remember:

**do** I/we/you/they ...

**does** he/she/it ...

- Do they** like music?

- Does he** like music?

## D

Short answers

|      |               |              |     |               |                 |
|------|---------------|--------------|-----|---------------|-----------------|
| Yes, | I/we/you/they | <b>do.</b>   | No, | I/we/you/they | <b>don't.</b>   |
|      | he/she/it     | <b>does.</b> |     | he/she/it     | <b>doesn't.</b> |

- "Do you** play the guitar?" **"No, I don't."**
- "Do your parents** speak English?" **"Yes, they do."**
- "Does Ryan** work hard?" **"Yes, he does."**
- "Does your sister** live in Vancouver?" **"No, she doesn't."**