



Present Simple Tense (Negative)

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Exercise 1 – Learning

To make a negative sentence in Present Simple use '**do not**' before a verb. The contracted form is '**don't**':

- I **do not** (**don't**) eat meat.
- You **do not** (**don't**) exercise often.
- We **do not** (**don't**) speak Italian.
- They **do not** (**don't**) work.

For the third person singular (he, she, it) use '**does not**' (contracted form '**doesn't**') before the verb, and don't add the 's' to the verb:

- He **does not** (**doesn't**) *teach* Italian.
- She **does not** (**doesn't**) *like* dogs.
- It **does not** (**doesn't**) *rain* here often.



Note that to form a negative sentence, we **do not** make the verb negative!

"I eat not meat." is **WRONG**.

We add a helping verb 'do' and make 'do' negative:

"I **do not** eat meat."

Tip: Remember that the verb '**be**' does not need a helping verb. We can make it negative:

- I **am not** Russian.
- You **are not** Russian.
- He/she/it **is not** Russian.
- We **are not** Russian.
- They **are not** Russian.



Exercise 2 – Multiple Choice

Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.

1. I _____ have children.

- a) do not
- b) does not

2. We _____ work. We are retired.

- a) do not
- b) does not

3. She _____ exercise.

- a) do not
- b) does not

4. He _____ speak English.

- a) do not
- b) does not



5. They _____ write letters to each other.

- a) do not
- b) does not

6. Peter _____ clean his room.

- a) do not
- b) does not

7. You _____ have black hair.

- a) do not
- b) does not

8. Lisa and I _____ like sports.

- a) do not
- b) does not



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use what you learned in class to turn positive sentences into negative sentences.

Example: They clean their desk. → They do not clean their desk.

Content:

1. We know English.
2. I like movies.
3. You speak Serbian.
4. He knows me.
5. She sings very well.
6. Peter does his homework.