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The **Present Simple** tense describes things that are true, actions that happen many times, and simple statements of fact.



via http://eng911.ru/rules/time/pravila-present-simple.html

## **Negative sentences in Present Simple**

To make negative statements in Present Simple, we use:

do not (don't) / does not (doesn't) + the base form of the verb (infinitive without 'to')

Compare:



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Note: If you use 'doesn't', don't add '-s' to the main verb.

- She doesn't think.

NOT: She doesn't thinks.

#### The verb 'be'

When we use the verb 'to be' we don't use 'do' or 'does'. We say 'am/is/are + not'.

- I am from France. I'm not (am not) from France.
- You are late. You aren't (are not) late.
- He is allergic. He isn't (is not) allergic.



# **Questions in Present Simple**

To make questions in the Present Simple, we use '**Do'** or '**Does'**. When we ask questions in English, the word order is different:

#### Do/Does + subject + verb

- **Do** you **like** oranges?
- **Does** he **work** here?
- Where **does** this train **stop**?

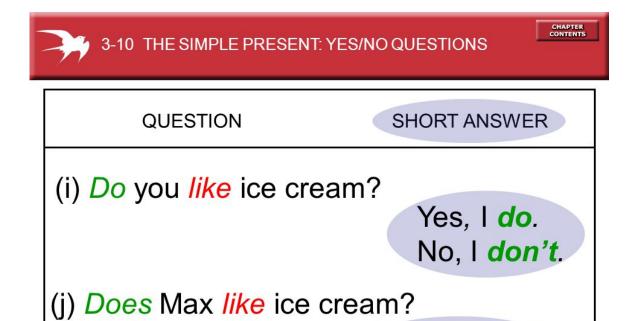
When do we use do or does?

Subject	Do/Does	Example
I	do	Do I have a coat?
You	do	Do you have a coat?
He/she/it	does	Does she have a coat?
We	do	Do we have a coat?
They	do	Do they have a coat?

## Yes/No questions

To create a question that will be answered with a 'yes' or 'no', use '**Do**'/'**Does**' (or '**Don't**'/'**Doesn't**' for a negative question) + the base form of the main verb.





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Yes, he does.

No, he doesn't.

via https://slideplayer.com/slide/7279748/

- **Do** you **like** cake?
- **Does** John **walk** to school?
- **Do** Lauren and Sarah **have** bicycles?
- Do we need more milk?

Note: If you use 'Does', don't add '-s' to the main verb.

- Does he write books? NOT: Does he writes books?

## **Special questions**

Special questions (also known as wh-questions) are questions that require more information in their answers. They are made using <u>wh-words</u> such as *what, where, when, why, which, who, how, how many, how much*.

To make a special question, use the same word order as with yes-no questions but put a wh-



word before the verb 'do' or 'does'. The structure is:

### wh- word do or does subject main verb

Where	does	Libby	go	to school?
Why	do	I	hate	him?
How	do	you	like	your haircut?
When	does	the train <i>arrive</i> ?		

#### The verb 'be'

With the verb 'to be', we do not use 'do' or 'does'. We use 'am', 'is', or 'are'. The word order is the same.

- **Are** you at home right now?
- Is he angry at me?
- Why are you here?
- What is the answer?
- Where are they?

Watch this video from GoEnglish and revise how to form positive, negative and interrogative forms of Present Simple:

See also:

**Present Simple: Statements** 

The Verb 'Be' in Present Simple

**Present Simple of Present Continuous?**