

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

POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	
I we play you like they eat	I we do not you (don't) they	play like eat
he plays she likes it eats	he she does not it (doesn't)	

- I **drink** milk, but I **don't drink** coffee.
- Rohan **likes** badminton, but he **doesn't like** tennis.
- You **don't commute** by train every morning.
- We **don't travel** abroad during winter holidays.
- The Metro is usually punctual. It **doesn't arrive** late very often.
- Aarav and Kabir live in Bengaluru. They **don't speak** Hindi at home.

B Remember:

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| I / we / you / they | don't ... | • I don't like spicy food. |
| he / she / it | doesn't ... | • She doesn't like spicy food. |
- I **don't understand** Amit, and Amit **doesn't understand** me. (*not 'Amit don't understand'*)
 - My scooter **doesn't consume** much fuel. (*not 'My scooter don't consume'*)
 - Sometimes the weather is cold, but it **doesn't snow** in the plains.

C We use **don't / doesn't + infinitive** (don't like / doesn't read / doesn't do etc.):

- I **don't like** preparing reports. I **don't do** it very often.
- Ananya **reads** English books, but she **doesn't read** French. (*not 'doesn't reads'*)
- Karan **doesn't do** his homework carefully. (*not 'Karan doesn't does his homework'*)
- Pooja **doesn't usually have** tea in the afternoon. (*not 'doesn't ... has'*)