

The “D” Words: Do, Does, Did

Auxiliary verbs are verbs that help to show the tense a sentence is in. They can be thought of as “helping verbs” and are not the main verbs of the sentence.

E.g. *Do you think baseball is boring?*

The main verb is “think” and the auxiliary verb is “do.”

Present Simple is a tense that is used to talk about things that are true *in general*. For example the sentence “*He **doesn't** like baseball, he **thinks** it is boring*” is not talking about the past or the future, it is just referring to a general fact. In present simple the words “do” and “does” are often used in questions and in negative sentences.

 1. Study the present simple table and use it to help put the sentences below in order.

	I/ You/ We/ They/	He / She / It
Positive	I water my plants every week.	She drives very fast.
Negative	I don't have enough time.	My boss doesn't listen to me.
Closed Question	Do you sell ibuprofen?	Does he drink beer?
Open Question	Why do they wake up so early?	When does she start work?

Note: sentences with the verb to be use a different structure. Eg. “How tall is he?” “He is not very tall”

a) like / do / cats? / you

Do you like cats?

b) a laptop / have / she / doesn't

She doesn't have a laptop

c) he / where / live? / does

Where does he live?

d) type of / like? / music / do / what / you

What type of music do you like?

e) they / on weekends / don't / work


They don't work on weekends

f) always / door? / do / lock / your / you

Do you always lock your door?

g) doesn't / brakes / this / have / bike

This bike doesn't have brakes

 **2. Pairwork: choose one of the houses below, but do not tell your partner which houses you have chosen. Your partner must ask you questions to figure out which house you are thinking of.**

E.g. *“Does it have heating?”* *“Yes it does / No it doesn’t”*

Beautiful house, perfect for a young family!

2 storeys, 4 bedrooms, and a large basement.

Central heating but no air conditioning.

Front and back garden.

2 bathrooms and a fireplace.



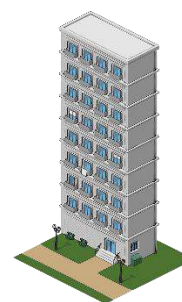
1 Bedroom apartment with a balcony in the middle of the city!

60 square metres and 10 meters storage space in the basement.

Heating but no air conditioning.

Elevator for your convenience.

Underground parking space included.



Treehouse for rent! Leave your busy city life to live in the jungle!

No neighbours! (except for the monkeys)

Has several balconies.

No hot water or electricity.

Fireplace for cooking at the bottom of the tree.



Incredible mansion for just 3 million dollars!

800 square meters, 6 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, and a sauna in the garden!

Heated swimming pool.

Garage with 3 parking spaces.

Beautiful balcony with outdoor BBQ space.



16th century castle needs to be repaired!

2000 square meter property with beautiful old castle, no heating or air conditioning.

No stove or oven, but has several fireplaces.

No cell phone reception in the area, very far away from the nearest town.

Many beautiful towers and balconies.



Past Simple: Did and Didn't

Past simple is the most important past tense in English, and the structure of negative statements, open questions, and closed questions are very similar to present simple. We can change many statements from present simple to past simple just by changing “do” or “does” to “did”.

Eg “My car *doesn't* have air conditioning” (present simple)
 “My car *didn't* have air conditioning” (past simple)

Note that the verb (have) after *doesn't* and *didn't* is in the base form. The verb after *do*, *does*, and *did* never changes.

 3. Study the past simple table and use it to complete the past simple sentences below using the verbs in brackets.

	Present Simple	Past Simple
Positive	She looks happy.	She looked happy.
Negative	I don't like vegetables.	I didn't like vegetables.
Closed Question	Do you have a motorbike?	Did you have a motorbike?
Open Question	When do you go to sleep?	When did you go to sleep?

- a) She *didn't have* (not / have) enough money to buy a car when she was young.
- b) Where *did you park* (park) the car?
- c) She has a French accent, but *she didn't grow up* (not / grow up) in France.
- d) *Did you enjoy* (enjoy) your meal?
- e) Who *did* you *see* (see) at the party last night?
- f) *Did* your country *play* (play) in the last world cup?
- g) John *didn't get* (not / get) a tattoo on his face.
- h) What subject *did* you *hate* (hate) studying at school?
- i) What *did* you *do* (do) for your last birthday?
- j) *Did* your parents *let* (let) you watch a lot of TV when you were a kid?

 4. Now ask and answer the last 3 questions from the exercise above with a partner.



5. Read the story and correct the 10 mistakes in present simple and past simple.

I was born in Gambia in west Africa, and although I come not (*don't come*) from a cold country, I always wanted to be a professional ice hockey player. When I was a boy I watched a lot of ice hockey on YouTube, and I told my parents I would be a professional hockey player, and they laughed, but I didn't cared (*didn't care*). When my mother saw I was serious, she asked me "Want you that (*Do you want me to buy*) I buy a hockey stick and rollerblades?" I said yes, and then I practiced in my street every day. I had not (*didn't have*) any friends who wanted to practice with me, so I practiced alone or with my father. My father started watching hockey matches with me, and he laughed not (*didn't laugh*) anymore when I said I wanted to become a professional player. One day he asked me "Are you (*Do you*) really want this? To become a pro player?" and I looked him in the eye and said "Yes, I doesn't want (*I don't want*) anything else." He looked very serious and said "Do you knew (*Do you know*) what you have to do? You have to study. You haven't (*don't have*) a chance of becoming an ice hockey player in Gambia, so you have to go to university in Canada or another country that plays ice hockey. If you study hard, you will get into a university in Canada, and they might let you play on the university team." I listened to my Dad, and for the next 3 years I only studied and practiced hockey, every day. I didn't talk to my friends, I didn't go out, I didn't even watched (*watch*)TV. I was accepted into a university in Toronto last month, and I will fly there tomorrow. I am very nervous, but very excited.



6. Pairwork: ask and answer the questions with a partner.

- a) Do you live in a nice area?
- b) What does your best friend look like?
- c) Did you play a lot of video games when you were younger?
- d) How long do you usually sleep for?
- e) Do you like violent movies?
- f) Does your house or apartment have a balcony?