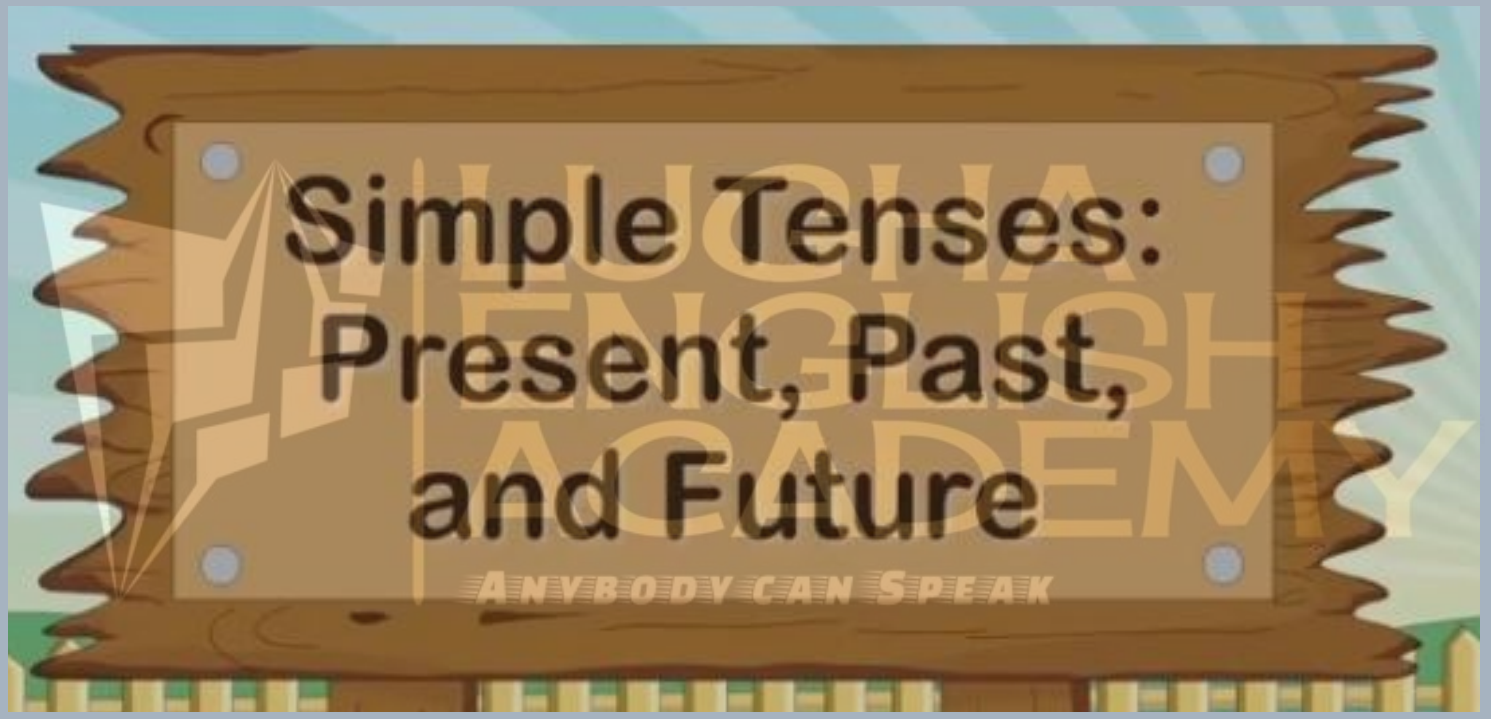
Simple Tenses:
Present, Past,
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The tense of a verb shows when something happens.

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The simple tense verbs simply indicate actions in present, past, and future.

The simple present tense is used to indicate the following:

- habits
- regular events
- current situations
- general truths or facts

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Simple present tense

It resembles the base form of a verb, but we add –s, or –es, or –ies when the subject is in the third person (he / she / it).

Rule- Subject + verb/verb+s(v1)

I, you, we, they	He, she, it, name
read	reads
cook	cooks
walk	walks

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Everyday actions

1. We eat food everyday.

2. The boy plays football everyday.

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3. The girl reads the book everyday.

4. My mom cooks food everyday.

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5. They go to school everyday.

6. We brush teeth everyday.

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he
she
it
add 's' to the verb

- He **plays** basketball everyday.

- She **drinks** milk everyday.

- It **runs** fast everyday.

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Simple present tense

– sentences
- negative sentences
- questions

Subject	Singular	Plural
First person	I	We
Second person	You	You
Third person	He, She, It, Name (ex: Sam)	They

For each sentence of any tense has a basic formula.

a) Sentences – simple present

Subject	+ verb (action words)	+ object (receives action)
I, You, We, They	Singular Ex : play	football
He, She, It, Sam (Name)	Plural Ex : plays	football

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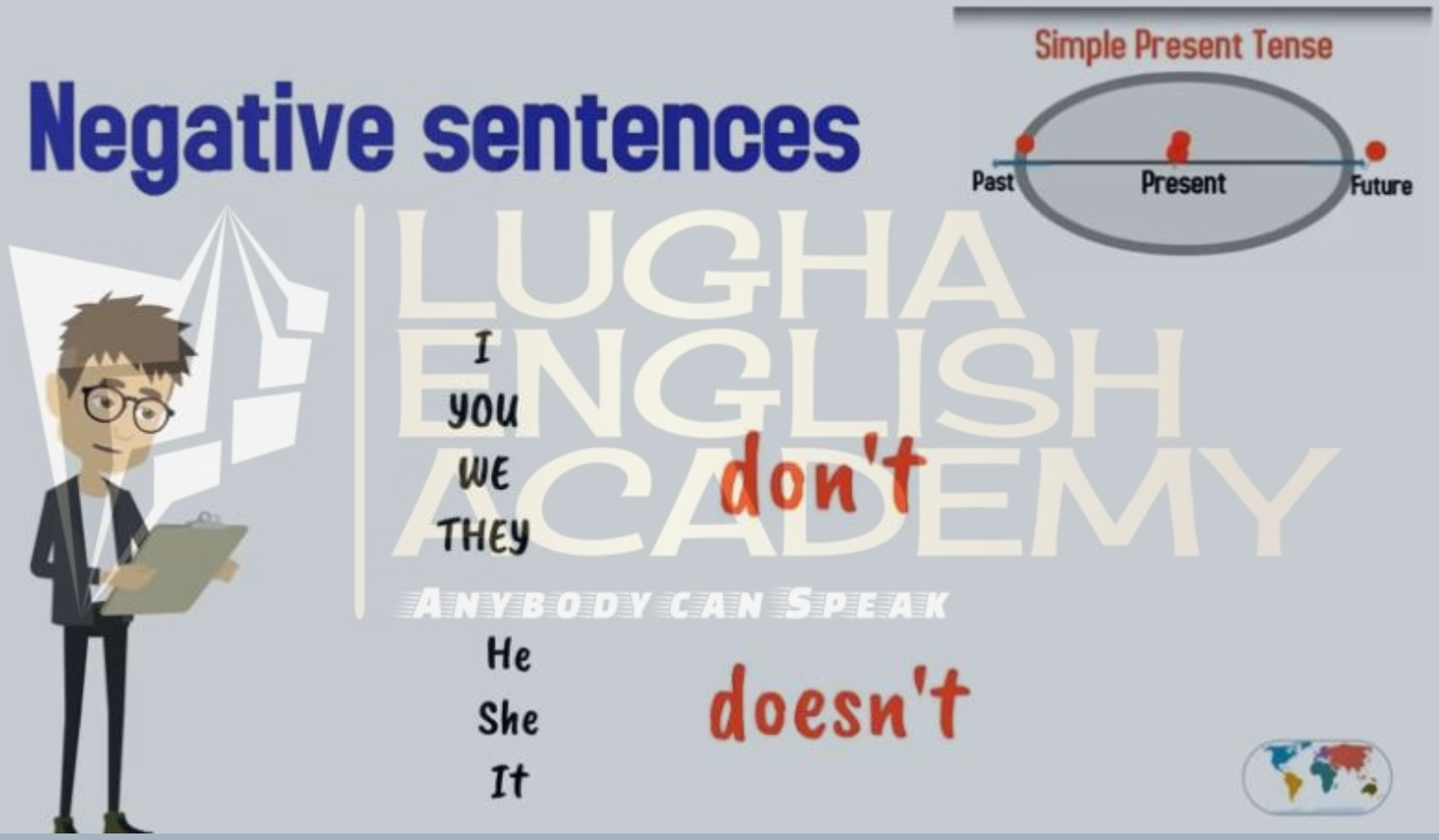
Example:

i) I play football.
ii) You play football.
iii) We play football.
iv) They play football.
v) He plays football.
vi) She plays football.
vii) It plays football.
viii) Sam plays football.

Negative sentences



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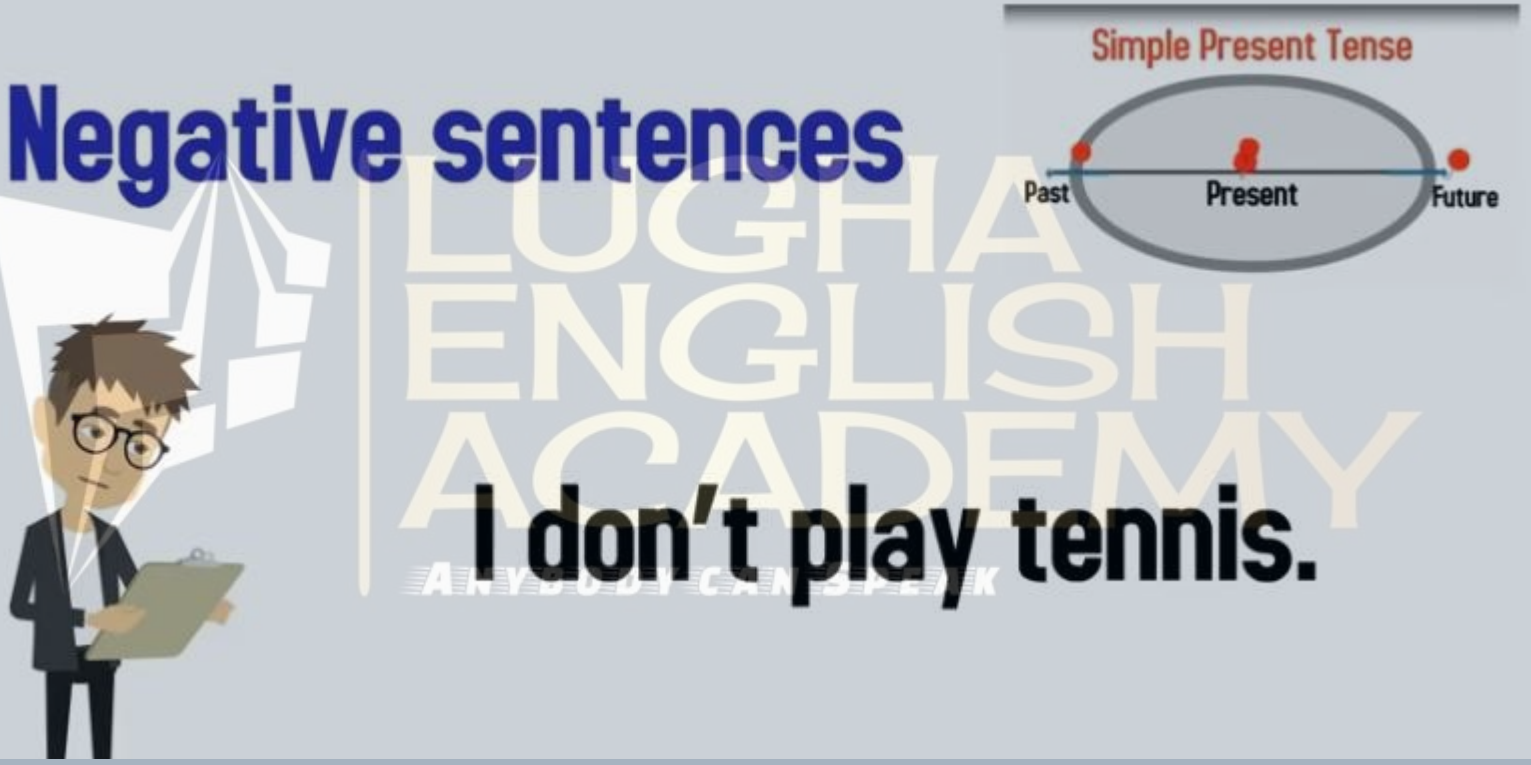

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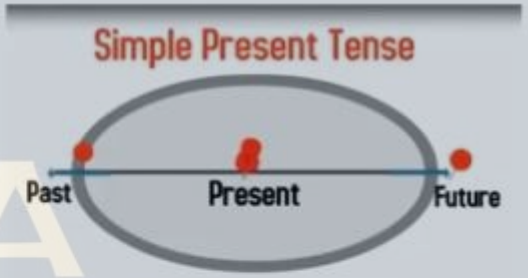

I don't play basketball.

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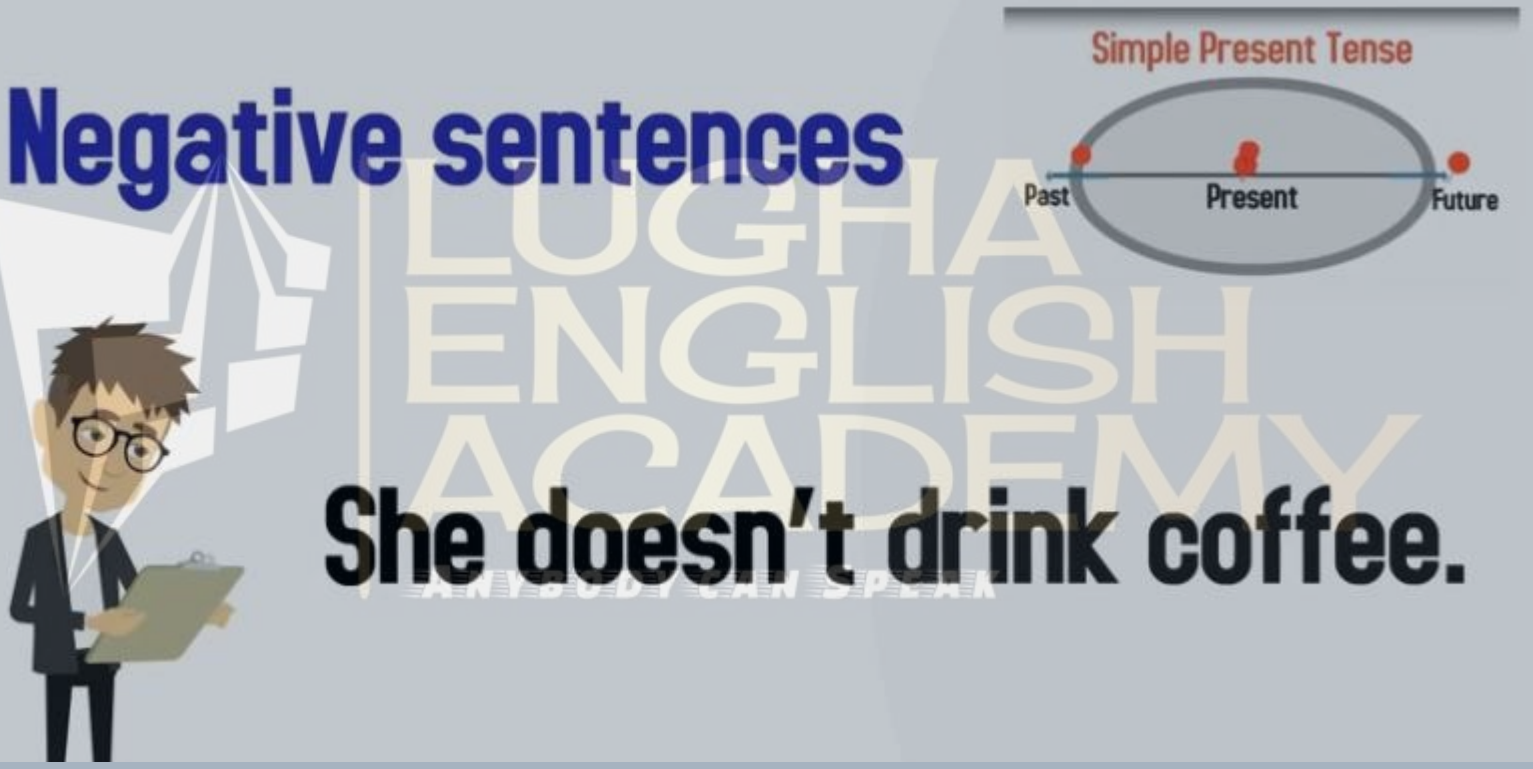
Negative sentences



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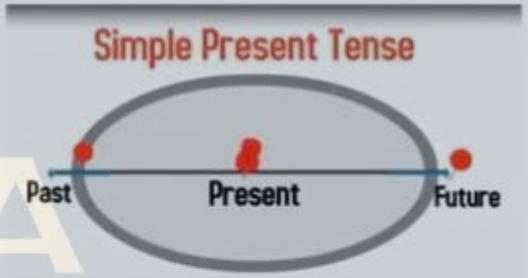

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Jane likes tea but she doesn't like coffee.

b) Negative sentences – simple present

Subject	+ verb	+ object
I, You, We, They	(do not / don't) Ex : go	to school

Example :	
i) I go to school.	i) I do not go to school.
ii) You go to school.	ii) You do not go to school.
iii) We go to school.	iii) We do not go to school.
iv) They go to school.	iv) They do not go to school.
v) He goes to school.	v) He does not go to school.
vi) She goes to school.	vi) She does not go to school.
vii) It goes to school.	vii) It does not go to school.
viii) Sam goes to school.	viii) Sam does not go to school.

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c) Questions – simple present

Subject	+ verb	+ object
I, You, We, They	(do) Ex: sing	song

Example :	
i) I sing a song.	i) Do I sing a song?
ii) You sing a song.	ii) Do you sing a song?
iii) We sing a song.	iii) Do we sing a song?
iv) They sing a song.	iv) Do they sing a song?
v) He sings a song.	v) Does he sing a song?
vi) She sings a song.	vi) Does she sing a song?
vii) It sings a song.	vii) Does it sing a song?
viii) Sam sings a song.	viii) Does Sam sing a song?

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Circle the correct verb (simple present tense)

1. I greet/greets my friends on their birthday.

2. You make/makes delicious food.

3. She keep/keeps her room neat and tidy.

4. My father play/plays golf on Saturdays.

5. The child like/likes colorful dresses.

6. Children usually want/wants to eat chocolates.

7. Sally go/goes to the church on Sundays.

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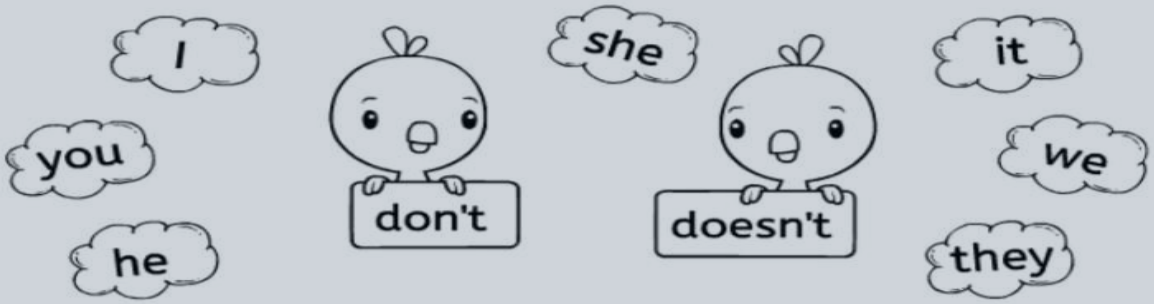

I ..... swim well. don't / doesn't

You ..... speak English. don't / doesn't

He ..... write poems. don't / doesn't

She ..... teach Math. don't / doesn't

It ..... live in Australia. don't / doesn't

We ..... play the piano. don't / doesn't

They ..... read newspapers. don't / doesn't

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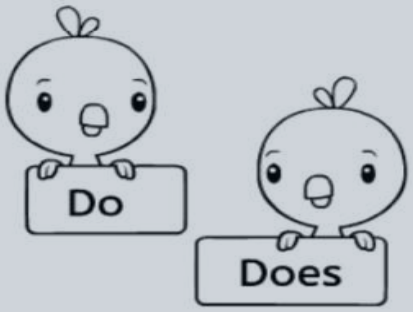
Match. Then complete the sentences using the correct words.



she | it | I | you | we | he | they

Do / Does ..... I swim well?

Do / Does ..... you speak English?

Do / Does ..... he write poems?

Do / Does ..... she teach Math?

Do / Does ..... it live in Australia?

Do / Does ..... we play the piano?

Do / Does ..... they read newspapers?

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Fill in the simple present tense

1.	My friend _____ me. (help)
2.	I _____ late on Saturday. (sleep)
3.	He _____ to beach every weekend. (go)
4.	They _____ to college daily. (go)
5.	Kids do not _____ the medicines. (like)
6.	Do you _____ some help? (need)
7.	Does he _____ to take admission in college? (want)
8.	Does David _____ game properly? (play)
9.	Do you _____ to play chess? (like)
10.	She _____ how to speak Spanish. (know)
11.	I _____ towards my home after walking. (move)
12.	He _____ to participate in extra curricular activities. (want)
13.	The patient _____ medicines on time. (take)
14.	I _____ exercise regularly. (take)
15.	She _____ her children too much. (love)

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Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in simple present tense.

1. I always _____ my friend. (help)
2. She _____ tea but not coffee. (like)
3. He _____ very hard for his examination. (work)
4. You _____ very little. (eat)
5. They _____ the teachers help. (need)
6. We _____ nearby to railway station. (live)
7. She _____ office at 5 p.m. (leave)

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