

Simple Sentence Structure

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Grammar Reference

What is a sentence?

A sentence has two main parts: a **subject** (who or what) and a **verb** (the action).

Subject + Verb

I work. | She sleeps. | The dog runs.

Add an object

The **object** is the thing we do the action to.

Subject + Verb + Object

I eat breakfast. | She reads a book. | He drinks coffee.

Negative sentences

Subject + don't / doesn't + Verb

Subject	Use	Example
I / you / we / they	don't	I don't know.
he / she / it	doesn't	She doesn't work.

Question sentences

Do / Does + Subject + Verb + ?

Use	With	Example
Do	I / you / we / they	Do you speak English?
Does	he / she / it	Does she live here?

■ Remember: In English, the subject always comes before the verb.

Exercise 1: Word Order

Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence.

Question 1

She . reads book a

Answer: _____

Question 2

I music like don't .

Answer: _____

Question 3

Does he live here ?

Answer: _____

Question 4

coffee . drink They

Answer: _____

Question 5

Maria doesn't work .

Answer: _____

Question 6

? Do you English speak

Answer: _____

Question 7

fast dog runs The .

Answer: _____

Question 8

breakfast eat We don't .

Answer: _____

Exercise 2: Sentence Builder

Circle the correct answer.

Question 1

Which sentence is correct?

- a) She don't like tea.
- b) She doesn't like tea.
- c) She not like tea.

Question 2

Choose the correct positive sentence:

- a) I works in a school.
- b) I work in a school.
- c) I working in a school.

Question 3

Choose the correct question:

- a) He does live here?
- b) Does he live here?
- c) Does he lives here?

Question 4

Which negative sentence is correct?

- a) They don't eats breakfast.
- b) They doesn't eat breakfast.
- c) They don't eat breakfast.

Question 5

Choose the correct sentence:

- a) Do she speak French?
- b) Does she speak French?
- c) Does she speaks French?

Question 6

Which sentence has the correct word order?

- a) Coffee I drink every day.
- b) I drink coffee every day.
- c) I coffee drink every day.

Question 7

Choose the correct negative sentence:

- a) He don't work here.
- b) He doesn't works here.
- c) He doesn't work here.

Question 8

Which question is correct?

- a) Do you like music?
 - b) You do like music?
 - c) Do you likes music?
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Exercise 3: Error Correction

Each sentence has one mistake. Circle the wrong word and write the correction.

Question 1

She don't like coffee.

Correction: _____

Question 2

Do he live here?

Correction: _____

Question 3

I works in a school.

Correction: _____

Question 4

They doesn't eat breakfast.

Correction: _____

Question 5

Does you speak English?

Correction: _____

Question 6

He drink coffee every day.

Correction: _____

Question 7

We don't eats lunch here.

Correction: _____

Exercise 4: Gap Fill

Choose the correct word: **do / don't / does / doesn't**

Question 1

I _____ like tea every morning.

Question 2

She _____ work in an office.

Question 3

_____ you speak French?

Question 4

_____ he live near here?

Question 5

They _____ eat lunch at school.

Question 6

Tom _____ drink coffee. He hates it.

Question 7

We _____ study English on Mondays.

Question 8

_____ Maria work in a hospital?

Exercise 5: Matching

Match the sentence beginning (1–8) with the correct ending (a–h).

Sentence beginning	Ending
1. I drink ____	a) eat meat.
2. She doesn't ____	b) like music?
3. Do you ____	c) live near here?
4. They don't ____	d) a book every night.
5. Does he ____	e) work on Sundays.
6. We study ____	f) coffee every morning.
7. She reads ____	g) understand this word.
8. I don't ____	h) English at school.

Exercise 6: Sentence Sort

Write P (Positive), N (Negative), or Q (Question) next to each sentence.

1. We study English at school. []
 2. Does she live near here? []
 3. Do you speak English? []
 4. I don't drink tea. []
 5. Tom reads a book every night. []
 6. They play football on Saturdays. []
 7. He doesn't work here. []
 8. She doesn't like coffee. []
 9. Do they eat lunch together? []
 10. I eat breakfast every day. []
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Exercise 7: Spot the Extra Word

One word in each sentence does not belong. Circle it and write it on the line.

Question 1

She does reads a book .

Extra word: _____

Question 2

I do don't like coffee .

Extra word: _____

Question 3

Does he does live here ?

Extra word: _____

Question 4

They are eat lunch together .

Extra word: _____

Question 5

Do you to speak French ?

Extra word: _____

Question 6

She doesn't not work here .

Extra word: _____

Question 7

We do study English do .

Extra word: _____

ANSWER KEY — DO NOT DISTRIBUTE TO STUDENTS

Exercise 1: Word Order

1. She reads a book.
2. I don't like music.
3. Does he live here?
4. They drink coffee.
5. Maria doesn't work.
6. Do you speak English?
7. The dog runs fast.
8. We don't eat breakfast.

Exercise 2: Sentence Builder

1. b) She doesn't like tea.
2. b) I work in a school.
3. b) Does he live here?
4. c) They don't eat breakfast.
5. b) Does she speak French?
6. b) I drink coffee every day.
7. c) He doesn't work here.
8. a) Do you like music?

Exercise 3: Error Correction

1. don't → doesn't
2. Do → Does
3. works → work
4. doesn't → don't
5. Does → Do
6. drink → drinks
7. eats → eat

Exercise 4: Gap Fill

1. don't
2. doesn't
3. Do
4. Does
5. don't
6. doesn't
7. do
8. Does

Exercise 6: Sentence Sort

1. I eat breakfast every day. [P]
2. She doesn't like coffee. [N]
3. Do you speak English? [Q]
4. They play football on Saturdays. [P]
5. He doesn't work here. [N]
6. Does she live near here? [Q]
7. We study English at school. [P]
8. I don't drink tea. [N]
9. Do they eat lunch together? [Q]
10. Tom reads a book every night. [P]

Exercise 7: Extra Word

1. does
2. do
3. does (2nd)
4. are
5. to
6. not
7. do (last)