

The Verb "To Do": Present Simple (All Forms)

A1 English Worksheet – Lesson 1: do/does, don't do/doesn't do, and questions

Language Focus

The verb do is unusual: it can be a normal verb (meaning "to perform an action") and the helper verb we use for questions and negatives. This means "do" sometimes appears twice in the same sentence!

Affirmative	I/you/we/they: do; he/she/it: does	<i>I do the shopping. She does her homework.</i>
Negative	don't do / doesn't do	<i>I don't do that job. He doesn't do his chores.</i>
Yes/No Question	Do...do...? / Does...do...?	<i>Do you do a lot of exercise? Does she do the cooking?</i>
Short Answer	Yes/No + subject + do/does(n't)	<i>Yes, I do. No, she doesn't.</i>
Wh- Question	Wh-word + do/does + subject + do...?	<i>What do you do? How often does he do exercise?</i>

Remember: "What do you do?" is the common way to ask about someone's job – not what they're doing right now! And don't worry about seeing "do" twice, as in "What do you do at weekends?" – the first "do" is the question helper, and the second "do" is the main verb.

Listening: Meeting at a Conference

Context: two people talking about their jobs

Listen to your teacher read this aloud, or read it yourself. Then complete Exercise 1.

A: Hi, what do you do?

B: I'm a graphic designer. I do freelance work for various companies. What do you do?

A: I do research at a university. I don't do much teaching, just research.

B: That sounds interesting! Does your research involve a lot of travel?

A: No, it doesn't. I mostly do my work in the lab.

B: Do you do any conferences like this often?

A: Yes, I do. I do about three or four a year.

1. True or False

Context: Meeting at a Conference (from the listening)

1. B is a graphic designer. True / False
2. A does a lot of teaching. True / False
3. A's research involves a lot of travel. True / False
4. A mostly works in the lab. True / False
5. A does conferences only once a year. True / False

2. Multiple Choice

Context: household chores

1. I ___ the laundry on Sundays.
do / does
2. My brother ___ the dishes every night.
do / does
3. We ___ the shopping together.
do / does
4. She ___ the cooking most days.
do / does
5. They ___ the gardening in spring.
do / does
6. He ___ his homework after school.
do / does

3. Matching

Context: question to answer

Draw a line to match each question to the correct answer.

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| 1. What do you do for a living? | <i>No, they usually order takeout.</i> |
| 2. Does she do yoga? | <i>I'm a teacher.</i> |
| 3. Do they do their own cooking? | <i>He does a lot of hiking.</i> |
| 4. What does he do at weekends? | <i>Yes, she does it every morning.</i> |
| 5. Do you do exercise regularly? | <i>Yes, I do.</i> |

4. Gap Fill

Context: a typical Saturday

Complete the text with do, does, don't do, or doesn't do.

I _____ the laundry in the morning. My sister _____ her homework before lunch. We _____ any cleaning until the afternoon. My dad _____ much on Saturdays; he just relaxes. My mom _____ the grocery shopping. I _____ my chores before dinner.

5. Do/Does Sort

Sort these subjects into the correct group: I, You, We, They, My friends, The volunteers, He, She, It, My sister, The teacher

do:

does:

6. Word Order

Context: negatives and questions

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

1. don't / I / do / much / exercise.
2. she / Does / do / her / own / taxes?
3. don't / We / do / overtime / often.
4. do / What / you / do / at / weekends?
5. doesn't / He / do / the / dishes.

7. Right or Wrong?

Context: a survey about habits

Is the sentence right or wrong? Circle your answer. If it's wrong, write the correct form.

1. She do the shopping every week. Right / Wrong: _____
2. They doesn't do much travelling. Right / Wrong: _____
3. He does the cooking on weekends. Right / Wrong: _____
4. I doesn't do yoga anymore. Right / Wrong: _____
5. We do a lot of walking. Right / Wrong: _____

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A1 Teacher Answer Key – Lesson 1

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1. True or False - Answers

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| 1. B is a graphic designer. | True |
| 2. A does a lot of teaching. | False |
| 3. A's research involves a lot of travel. | False |
| 4. A mostly works in the lab. | True |
| 5. A does conferences only once a year. | False |

2. Multiple Choice - Answers

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| 1. I ___ the laundry on Sundays. | do |
| 2. My brother ___ the dishes every night. | does |
| 3. We ___ the shopping together. | do |
| 4. She ___ the cooking most days. | does |
| 5. They ___ the gardening in spring. | do |
| 6. He ___ his homework after school. | does |

3. Matching - Answers

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| 1. What do you do for a living? | I'm a teacher. |
| 2. Does she do yoga? | Yes, she does it every morning. |
| 3. Do they do their own cooking? | No, they usually order takeout. |
| 4. What does he do at weekends? | He does a lot of hiking. |
| 5. Do you do exercise regularly? | Yes, I do. |

4. Gap Fill - Answers (in order)

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| 1. Blank 1 | do |
| 2. Blank 2 | does |
| 3. Blank 3 | don't do |
| 4. Blank 4 | doesn't do |
| 5. Blank 5 | does |
| 6. Blank 6 | do |

5. Do/Does Sort - Answers

do: I, You, We, They, My friends, The volunteers
does: He, She, It, My sister, The teacher

6. Word Order - Answers

1. I don't do much exercise.
2. Does she do her own taxes?
3. We don't do overtime often.
4. What do you do at weekends?
5. He doesn't do the dishes.

7. Right or Wrong? - Answers

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| 1. She do the shopping every week. | Wrong - does |
| 2. They doesn't do much travelling. | Wrong - don't |
| 3. He does the cooking on weekends. | Right |
| 4. I doesn't do yoga anymore. | Wrong - don't |
| 5. We do a lot of walking. | Right |