

Negative Statements with the BE Verb and Regular Verbs in the Simple Present

The Be Verb: Structure:

Contracted Form

- I am **not** at home. ----- **I'm not** at home.
- You are **not** at home. ----- **You're not** at home.
- He is **not** at home. ----- **He's not** at home.
- We are **not** at home. ----- **We're not** at home.
- They are **not** at home. ----- **They're not** at home.

For a complete explanation, watch the grammar presentation video on the present tense.

Write the negative form of the BE Verb in the space provided.

Example: The United States isn't in Europe. It's in North America.

1. Giraffes _____ short. They are tall.
2. A giraffe _____ short. It is tall.
3. A feather _____ heavy. It is light.
4. Feathers _____ heavy. They are light.
5. I am 60 cm (5 feet). I _____ tall. I'm short.
6. My brother _____ mean. He is nice.
7. We _____ late. We are early.
8. You _____ lazy. You are hardworking.
9. She _____ unattractive. She is beautiful.
- 10 I _____ a student. I'm a teacher.
- 11 They _____ in the library. They are in the computer lab.
- 12 We _____ at home. We are at work.
- 13 France _____ in North America. It is in Europe.
- 14 A bear _____ an insect. It is a mammal.
- 15 You _____ good at math, but you are good at English.

Answers: 1. aren't 2. isn't 3. isn't 4. aren't 5. 'm not 6. isn't 7. aren't 8. aren't 9. isn't 10. 'm not 11. aren't 12. aren't 13. isn't 14. isn't 15. aren't

Negative Statements with Regular Verbs

- You must use **don't** and **doesn't** to form the negative in the simple present. We sometimes call these helping verbs. They help you form the negative for the main verb in the sentence.

- I **work**.
I **don't** work.

- You **work**.
You **don't** work.

- He **works**.
He **doesn't** work. *(Notice that the "s" on "works" moves to "doesn't". Also, watch your spelling!)*

- She **works**.
She **doesn't** work.

- It **works**.
It **doesn't** work.

- We **work**.
We **don't** work.

- They **work**.
They **don't** work.

Write the negative form of the verb in the space provided.

Example: My husband doesn't work (work) every day.

- I _____ (understand) this lesson.
- He _____ (understand) this lesson.
- My friends _____ (study) at the library.
- Joan _____ (study) at the library.
- The lights outside _____ (work).
- That _____ (sound) like a good idea to me.
- They _____ (sit) together anymore. The teacher separated them.
- Bob _____ (talk) very much. He's very quiet.
- Professor Young retired last year. He _____ (teach) anymore.

10. My group _____ (get) together anymore. It's so sad.
11. Our maid _____ (do) a good job cleaning the house. I always have to clean after she leaves.
12. *The doors* in our house _____ (close) properly.
13. I _____ (drink) alcohol. It's not good for you.
14. Birds _____ (sing) at night.
15. She _____ (believe) me.

Answers: 1. don't understand 2. doesn't understand 3. don't study 4. doesn't study 5. don't work
6. doesn't sound 7. don't sit 8. doesn't talk 9. doesn't teach 10. doesn't get 11. doesn't do 12. don't
close (Doors is the subject.) 13. don't drink 14. don't sing 15. doesn't believe