

35 I don't live here.

I **don't** live here. He **doesn't** drive. We **don't** play chess.

Negative I/you/we/they **don't (do not) live**
he/she/it **doesn't (does not) live**

⚠ There is no -s at the end of the verb in the third person singular:
He doesn't drive. (Not ~~He doesn't drives.~~)

▶▶ See Appendix 11: Short forms of verbs, page 171.

PRACTICE

35a Circle the correct answer.

- 0 We don't play / *doesn't play* football every day.
- 1 He *don't live* / *doesn't live* in Cambridge.
- 2 The shop *don't open* / *doesn't open* on Saturdays.
- 3 I *don't go* / *doesn't go* to college on Tuesdays.
- 4 My mum *don't like* / *doesn't like* rap music.
- 5 You *don't know* / *doesn't know* her.
- 6 They *don't sell* / *doesn't sell* newspapers.
- 7 We *don't visit* / *doesn't visit* them every week.
- 8 Josh and Tom *don't do* / *doesn't do* much at weekends.

35b Complete the sentences. Use the present simple of the verbs in brackets.

- 0 I sometimes play volleyball. I *don't do* a lot of exercise. (not do)
- 1 My brothers watch a lot of television. They any newspapers or magazines. (not read)
- 2 My sister cycles to college. She (not walk)
- 3 My parents stay at home on Sundays. They (not go out)
- 4 My uncle works very hard, but he the money. (not need)
- 5 Alice lives in Milan, but she Italian. (not speak)
- 6 I like tea. I a lot of coffee. (not drink)
- 7 Of course we like parties! But we to go out tonight. (not want)
- 8 I understand the question, but I the answer. (not know)