**MAKING QUESTIONS AND NEGATIONS IN THE PRESENT SIMPLE**

**1 Forming Negatives in the Present Simple**

**don’t/doesn’t + verb**

To make a verb negative, add **do/does** and the word **not** before the main verb. Remember that **does** is used with the pronouns *he/she/it*. When **does** is used the main verb has **no -s** or **–es ending**. In English we often use the shortened forms: **don’t/doesn’t**.

I **spend** a lot of money. I **don’t** **spend** a lot of money.

Joe **speaks** English well. Joe **doesn’t speak** English well.

We **love** apple pie. We **don’t love** apple pie.

**2** **Forming Questions in the Present Simple.**

**do/does + subject + verb**

a) To form questions that can be answered yes or no (yes/no questions), begin the question with **do/does**. After **do/does** place the subject and the main verb. Remember that the main verb has **no –s/-es** ending when **does** is used.

He **rides** his bicycle to school.

**Does** he **ride** his bicycle to school?

You **work** hard.

**Do** you **work** hard?

They **believe** me.

**Do** they **believe** me?

b) Wh-questions begin with *what, who, why, where, when, how* or

combinations such as *how much, how many* and *how often*.

When the question word is the subject of the sentence there is no

do/does.

When the question word is not the subject it is followed by do/does.

Max **needs** a new key. (Max is the subject)

Who **needs** a new key? (Who is the subject)

Something **seems** wrong. (something is the subject)

What **seems** wrong? (What is the subject)

The performance **starts** at 7 o’clock.

When **does** the performance **start**?

They **live** on in London.

Where **do** they **live**?