

CASE FILE #005

The Disappearing Verb

Your students are speaking... but their sentences are

WRONG

Fix questions & negatives in ONE lesson

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CLASSROOM EMERGENCY REPORT

Communication is breaking down.

EVIDENCE

Students are speaking in class, but their sentences sound incomplete.

PROBLEM

- “You like pizza?”
- “She go yesterday?”

“He not understand.”

MISSION

Agent, your job is to find what is missing and repair the broken sentences.

WHAT IS MISSING?

Helper Verbs = Do / Does / Did

Auxiliary verbs help sentences work correctly. They are the “helper verbs” that make questions and negatives grammatically accurate.

DO / DOES → Present

Use with present tense verbs

DID → Past

Use with past tense verbs

The helper verb shows the tense. The main verb stays simple.

Sentence Type	Structure	Example
Question	Do/Does + subject + verb?	Do you like pizza?
Question (past)	Did + subject + verb?	Did she go yesterday?
Negative	Subject + do/does + not + verb	He does not understand.
Negative (past)	Subject + did + not + verb	They did not play.

MISSION 1: FIX THE EVIDENCE

Fix the broken sentences. Repair the evidence using the correct auxiliary verb.

WORD BANK: do | does | did

COMMON MISTAKE:

“She goes?”

→ “Does she go?”

1. You like ice cream? → _____
2. She go to school? → _____
3. He not play soccer. → _____
4. They eat lunch? → _____
5. She not understand. → _____
6. You go yesterday? → _____
7. He finish his homework? → _____
8. They not come to class. → _____

MISSION 2: INTERROGATION ROOM

Interrogate the suspect. Turn these statements into questions using the correct auxiliary verb.

You are the detective. Ask the suspect questions.

1. She likes music. → _____
2. They played soccer. → _____
3. He eats lunch at noon. → _____
4. She went home early. → _____
5. You understand the lesson. → _____
6. He finished the test. → _____

MISSION 3: BUILD THE SENTENCE

Rebuild the sentence. Use the words to create TWO sentences: one question and one negative statement.

Words: does / she / like / pizza

Question: Does she like pizza?

Negative: She does not like pizza.

1. do / you / play / basketball

Question: _____

Negative: _____

1. did / they / finish / homework

Question: _____

Negative: _____

1. does / he / speak / English

Question: _____

Negative: _____

1. did / she / go / yesterday

Question: _____

Negative: _____

1. do / we / need / help

Question: _____

Negative: _____

MISSION 4: REAL TALK

Ask your partner 3 questions. If they hesitate, ask again.

SENTENCE FRAMES:

Do you _____?

Answer: _____

Does your friend _____?

Answer: _____

Did you _____ yesterday?

Answer: _____

Switch roles

Report 1 answer to the class

WRITE YOUR OWN:

1) Question: _____

Answer: _____

2) Question: _____

Answer: _____

FINAL REPORT

Show what you learned. Complete the tasks below.

Write 1 question using do, does, or did:

Write 1 negative sentence using do, does, or did:

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CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION

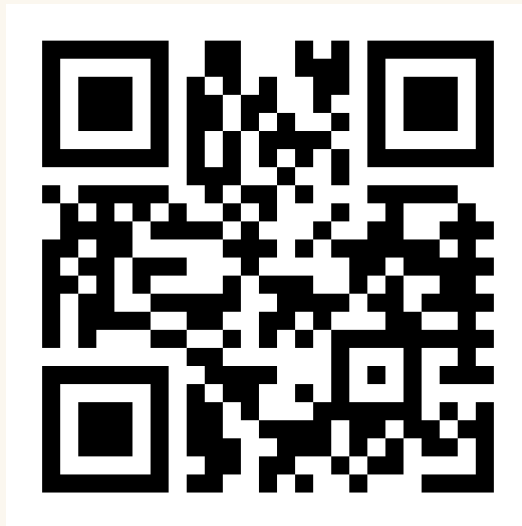
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Negative: _____

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Question: _____

Negative: _____

1. 4. did / she / go / yesterday

Question: _____

Negative: _____

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