

English Grammar: Agree and Disagree

	<u>AGREE</u>	<u>DISAGREE</u>
I love the Beatles.	I love the Beatles too . Me too. So do I.	I don't .
I'm Canadian.	I'm Canadian too . Me too. So am I.	I'm not .
I can speak French.	I can speak French too . Me too. So can I.	I can't .
I'm studying German.	I'm studying German too . Me too. So am I.	I'm not .
I don't like the Beatles.	I don't like the Beatles either . I don't like them either . Me neither. Neither do I.	I do .
I'm not Canadian.	I'm not Canadian either . Me neither. Neither am I.	I am .
I can't speak French.	I can't speak French either . Me neither. Neither can I.	I can .
I'm not studying German.	I'm not studying German either . Me neither. Neither am I.	I am .

Exercise 1. Agree with the following statements:

1. I hate sushi. _____
2. I'm so tired today. _____
3. I'm really not interested. _____
4. I don't agree. _____
5. We aren't British. _____
6. We don't come here often. _____
7. I can swim. _____
8. We can't speak German. _____

Exercise 2. Disagree with the following statements:

1. I don't understand him. _____
2. I'm studying Japanese. _____
3. We don't have our passports with us. _____
4. I walk to work every day. _____
5. I'm not very well today. _____
6. We are against the motion. _____
7. I can see it. _____
8. We can't afford this car. _____

Exercise 3. Choose the correct responses:

1. I come to this restaurant about once a month.
 - a) I neither
 - b) Neither do I
 - c) So do I

2. I don't know many places since I don't go out much.
 - a) I do, too
 - b) Neither do I
 - c) So do I

3. I think Friday is a good day.
 - a) Neither do I
 - b) So do I
 - c) So I do

4. I'll just have a salad. I'm not very hungry.
 - a) Neither am I
 - b) So am I
 - c) Neither I am

5. I'm interested in seeing that new Will Smith movie.
 - a) So do I
 - b) Neither am I
 - c) So am I

6. I must visit the dentist soon.
 - a) So must I
 - b) So do I
 - c) So visit I

Using “does/doesn’t” to disagree

When we want to disagree with a statement about a *third person*, we use “does” or “doesn’t”, putting emphasis on these words.

Examples:

Peter likes nuts.	He <u>doesn't</u> .
John doesn't go to church.	He <u>does</u> .
Mary eats meat.	She <u>doesn't</u> .
Lizzie doesn't wear dresses.	She <u>does</u> .

Similarly, for *third person plural*, we use “do” or “don’t”.

Examples:

Mormons always wear black.	They <u>don't</u> .
Germans don't like wine.	They <u>do</u> .

Exception: the verb “to be”:

Examples:

Fred is Jewish.	He <u>isn't</u> .
Mary isn't crazy.	She <u>is</u> .
Accountants are boring.	They <u>aren't</u> .
Teenagers aren't difficult.	They <u>are</u> .

Exercise 4. Disagree with the following statements:

1. Susan has a motorbike. _____
2. I think Bob beats his wife. _____
3. Dogs eat anything. _____
4. My mum doesn't like me. _____
5. Your brother doesn't understand math. _____
6. Our teachers don't give us enough homework. _____
7. Mary is a vegetarian. _____
8. Donald Trump is a good politician. _____
9. My parents are dull. _____
10. John isn't here. _____
11. Penelope isn't very smart. _____
12. Cats aren't sly. _____

Verbal agreement

When we respond in agreement using “so” or “neither”, we need to follow “verbal agreement”. For example:

I **have** seen that film. So **have** I.

I **will** eat pizza tonight. So **will** I.

I **can** speak German. So **can** I.

I **should** quit smoking. So **should** I.

I **must** go to the dentist. So **must** I.

I **haven't** seen that film. Neither **have** I.

I **won't** eat pizza tonight. Neither **will** I.

I **can't** speak German. Neither **can** I.

I **shouldn't** smoke. Neither **should** I.

I **mustn't** forget to go to the dentist. Neither **must** I.