

USING **DO**, **DOES** OR **DID** FOR EMPHASIS

Look at the sentences below.

You look exhausted.	→ NO EMPHASIS
You do look exhausted.	→ WITH EMPHASIS
Mom sure knows how to cheer you up.	→ NO EMPHASIS
Mom sure does know how to cheer you up.	→ WITH EMPHASIS
I reminded you about Mom's birthday.	→ NO EMPHASIS
I did remind you about Mom's birthday.	→ WITH EMPHASIS

Keep these in mind:



- We use **do**, **does** or **did** in affirmative sentences to give emphasis to what we're saying.
- We put **do**, **does** or **did** before the main verb in the infinitive form without *to*.

Here are some pointers:



We do not use **do**, **does** or **did** for emphasis in sentences already containing a special verb. In these sentences, we can be emphatic orally by altering our tone of voice.

Look at these examples.

She *has* reminded him many times.

You *can* lose weight if you work hard.

They *will* cheer her up.

GRAMMAR YOU CAN'T DO WITHOUT

II. Complete each of the dialogues below with *do*, *does*, or *did*.

1. Helen: Why do you think Paul has gained so much weight in the past couple of months?

Joe: Well, he _____ like to eat sweets every day. I guess that's it.

2. Kate: This is the second week you've had to work until 9 p.m. every night. Aren't you exhausted?

Lou: Actually, I _____ feel a little overworked. But this project will end next week, and I'll be able to get some rest then.

3. Teacher: Why didn't you do your homework?

Student: I _____ do my homework, but I left it at home.

4. Marie: It's too bad this mall doesn't have a bookstore. I wanted to look at children's books for my son.

Liz: Oh, but it _____ have one. There's a new *Bargain Bookstore* on the second floor.

5. Sandy: I can't believe you and Jill didn't go to Linda and Joe's wedding last month. Didn't you get an invitation?

Ben: We _____ get an invitation, but we already had plans for that weekend and we couldn't change them.

6. Eric: Aunt Isabel's birthday party is tonight. Do you have a present for her?

Kris: No, but I _____ have a card.

II. 1. does

2. do

3. did

4. does

5. did

6. do