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Do / Does / Did for Emphasis - Grammar in Action

Read the grammar points on the right. Then find examples of the grammar in the text and underline them.

Hello. In this lesson, I will talk about my teaching style. So, I often get questions from students and other teachers about my teaching style, so I thought I would answer some common questions that I get.

First, do you correct students' mistakes? No, I don't. I usually don't correct students' mistakes, but I do keep track of their mistakes and I do write down the correction or the problem on the board if I can. But I don't correct them immediately if they make a mistake, I just point it out later.

Question number two: do you do lots of listening in class? This is interesting. I get this a lot because I make ELLLO. I actually don't do listening in class very much. I do it sometimes for a speaking activity, so they listen and then they talk. But I do give lots of listening homework, and I do use ELLLO as part of my listening homework, and I do assign special tasks that are journals - listening journals - that the students have to do. But I don't do that much listening, actually, in class time because the students are together and that's the best time for speaking practice.

Similarly, do you give lots of homework? I don't give lots of homework but I do give a little bit of homework every night, and I do assign something that is very manageable and that they can do easily. I don't like that the students have to do a lot of homework but I do encourage them to study - self-study a lot - and to study at home as much as possible. But I don't want to make English really stressful or make it a big burden, so I don't assign too much homework.

Next, do you let students use their phones in class? Yes, I do let students use their phone in class because we do a lot of activities online that require them to use the phone, such as games like Kahoot and quizzes. So, I do let them use their phone.

OK, next question: do you teach in Japanese? I don't teach in Japanese. My Japanese is not that good. I do speak some Japanese and I do understand when the students ask me questions in Japanese, usually. But I pretty much only use English in class.

And, related to that: do you encourage students to speak only English in class? Yes, I do encourage students to only speak English in class. But I do understand that they have to use their own language sometimes, and it's unavoidable, but I do nudge my students, or I do kind of persuade my students or plead with my students to only speak English in class. But I do realise that I can't do that all the time.

And that's it! Those are some of my teaching principles. Does your teacher do the same? And do you think these are good rules to follow?

Do / Does / Did for Emphasis

When we want to emphasis a statement we can use **do**, **does**, and **did** with stress to add meaning.

For negative sentences, extra stress is added to **don't**, **doesn't** and **didn't** to emphasis.

Point 1: In present simple sentences, you can use 'do' to show emphasis.

- (Q) Do you have a car?
- (A) I **do** have a car.
- (N) I don't have a car.
- (Q) Do they serve bagels?
- (A) They do serve bagels.
- (N) They don't serve bagels.

Point 2: If the subject is third person singular, then you use 'does' to show emphasis.

- (Q) Does he work here?
- (A) He does work here.
- (N) He doesn't work here.
- (Q) Does it cost a lot to live there?
- (A) It **does** cost a lot.
- (N) It doesn't cost a lot.

Point 3: If the action happens in the simple past tense, use 'did' to show emphasis.

- (Q) Did he come to work today?
- (A) He did come to work today.
- (N) He didn't come to work today.
- (Q) Did they find an apartment?
- (A) They did find an apartment.
- (N) They didn't find one.

Point 4: We can add 'do/does/did' and 'though' to a sentence to show contrast between two actions

- 1. I hate math. I do like science though.
- He does not have much money. He does have a nice house though.
- I got sick on vacation. We did have a good time though.