

# Read and Discover


## Doesn't and Don't

### Lesson 26

"We **don't** want to disturb that water strider on the pond."

"It probably **doesn't** even know we're here."

Underline the boldfaced word that is used with a singular subject. Circle the boldfaced word used with a plural subject.

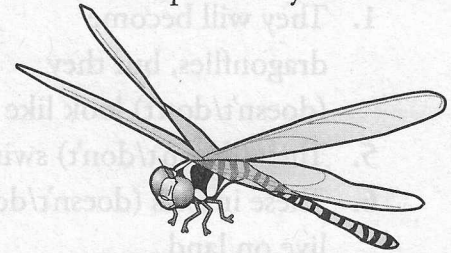
Use the contraction **doesn't** with singular subjects, including *he*, *she*, and *it*. Use the contraction **don't** with plural subjects, including *we* and *they*. Also use *don't* with *I* and *you*.  **Remember to use this information when you speak, too.**

See Handbook Sections 26 and 29

## Part 1

Circle the word in parentheses to complete each sentence correctly.

1. Aquatic insects (doesn't/don't) live on land; they live in water.
2. The dragonfly is an aquatic insect, but it (doesn't/don't) live in water for its entire life.
3. The female dragonfly deposits her eggs in the water, but she (doesn't/don't) stay with them.
4. She (doesn't/don't) live more than a few months after laying her eggs.
5. Her eggs develop into nymphs that (doesn't/don't) leave the water for up to five years.
6. Like many other aquatic insects, dragonfly nymphs (doesn't/don't) breathe the way most insects do.
7. They (doesn't/don't) have lungs; they have gills instead.
8. A dragonfly nymph (doesn't/don't) develop wings until it is ready to leave the water.
9. A dragonfly (doesn't/don't) have legs strong enough to support its large body.
10. Adult dragonflies are among the fastest flying insects, but they (doesn't/don't) walk well.
11. Birds and other predators (doesn't/don't) often catch the swift-flying dragonfly.
12. Although dragonflies appear frightening, they (doesn't/don't) harm people.
13. (Doesn't/Don't) that dragonfly look beautiful?
14. If it lands on you, (doesn't/don't) be afraid.



Dragonflies help people by eating mosquitoes.